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NARUTO
-ナルト-

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岸本 齊史

Naruto's already at volume 24! In volume 24 of *Dragon Ball**, Goku was about to fight Ginyu. It was so awesome, I was way too hyper reading it... I gotta make *Naruto* more exciting!!

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2004

(* Vol. 24 of *Dragon Ball* was released as Vol. 8 of *Dragon Ball Z* in the U.S. - Ed.)



Author/artist Masashi Kishimoto was born in 1974 in rural Okayama Prefecture, Japan. After spending time in art college, he won the Hop Step Award for new manga artists with his manga **Karakuri** (Mechanism). Kishimoto decided to base his next story on traditional Japanese culture. His first version of **Naruto**, drawn in 1997, was a one-shot story about fox spirits; his final version, which debuted in **Weekly Shonen Jump** in 1999, quickly became the most popular ninja manga in Japan.



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NARUTO

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VOL. 24
UNORTHODOX

STORY AND ART BY
MASASHI KISHIMOTO

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Sasuke
うちは
サスケ

うずまき
Naruto ナルト

はる の
春野 サクラ
Sakura

Shikamaru



Choji



ひゅうが
日向 ネジ
Neji



ロック・リー



おと よ にんしゅう
音の四人衆



The Sound Ninja Four



Naruto was once the bane of the Konohagakure Ninja Academy. Despite the rough start, he and his friends Sasuke and Sakura successfully join the ranks of the ninja. But during the final tournament of the Third Chunin Exam, the nefarious Orochimaru launches *Operation Destory Konoha*, during which the Third Hokage sacrifices his own life.

In the aftermath, Tsunade steps up to become the Fifth Hokage. Charmed by the power of Orochimaru, Sasuke joins up with the Sound Ninja Four. During a battle with the Sound Four, Choji and Neji both fall, but Naruto, Shikamaru and Kiba are still standing...

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THE STORY SO FAR...

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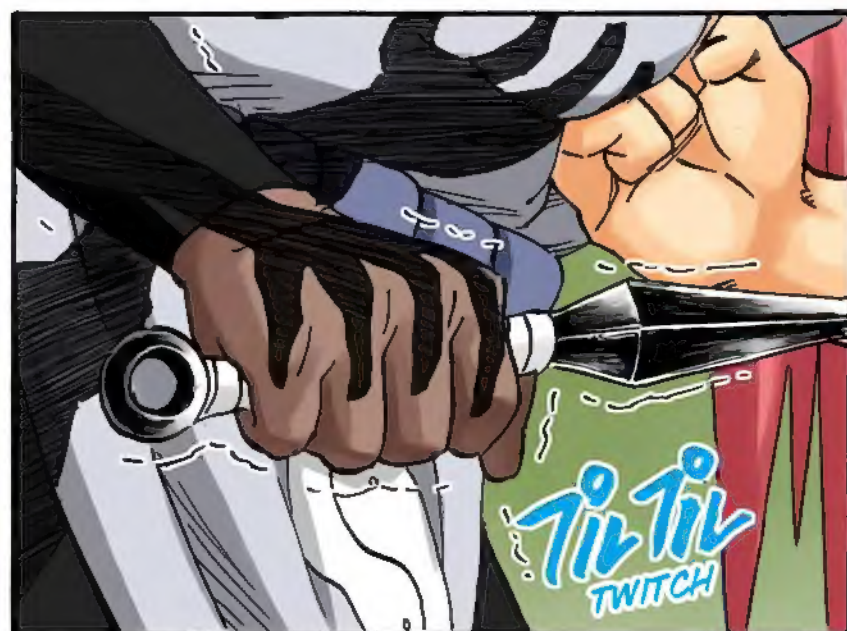
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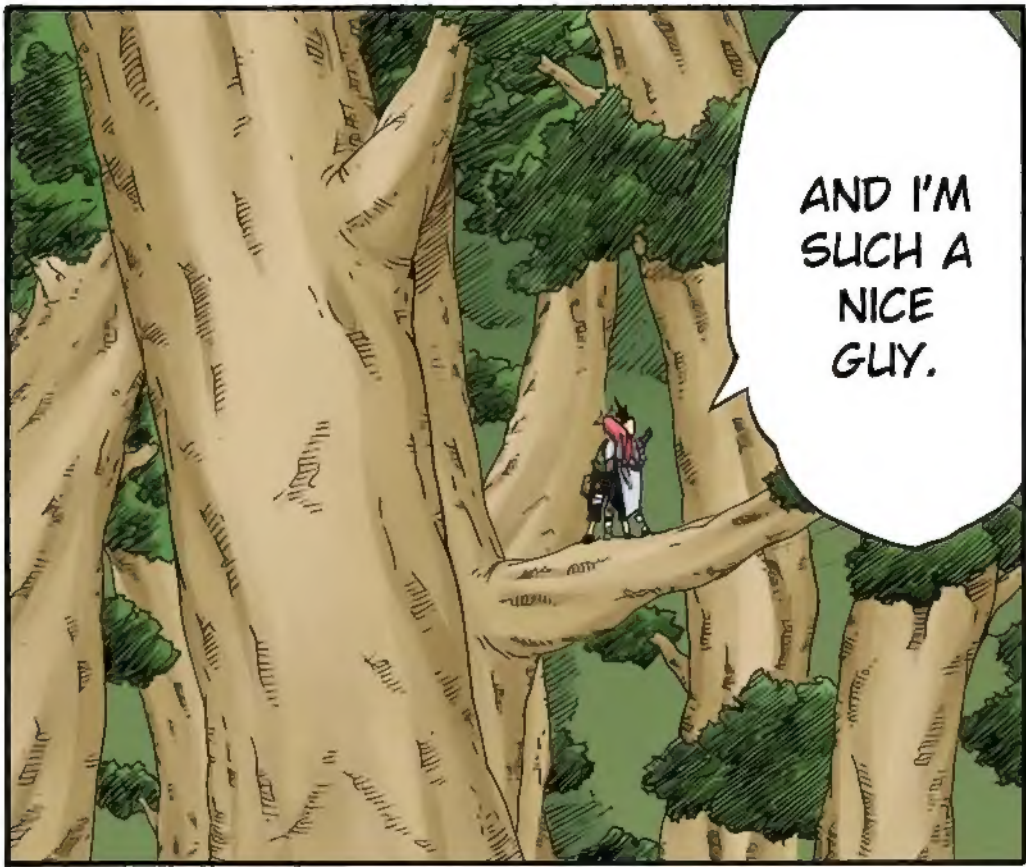
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すけ と さん じょう
助っ人 参上!!







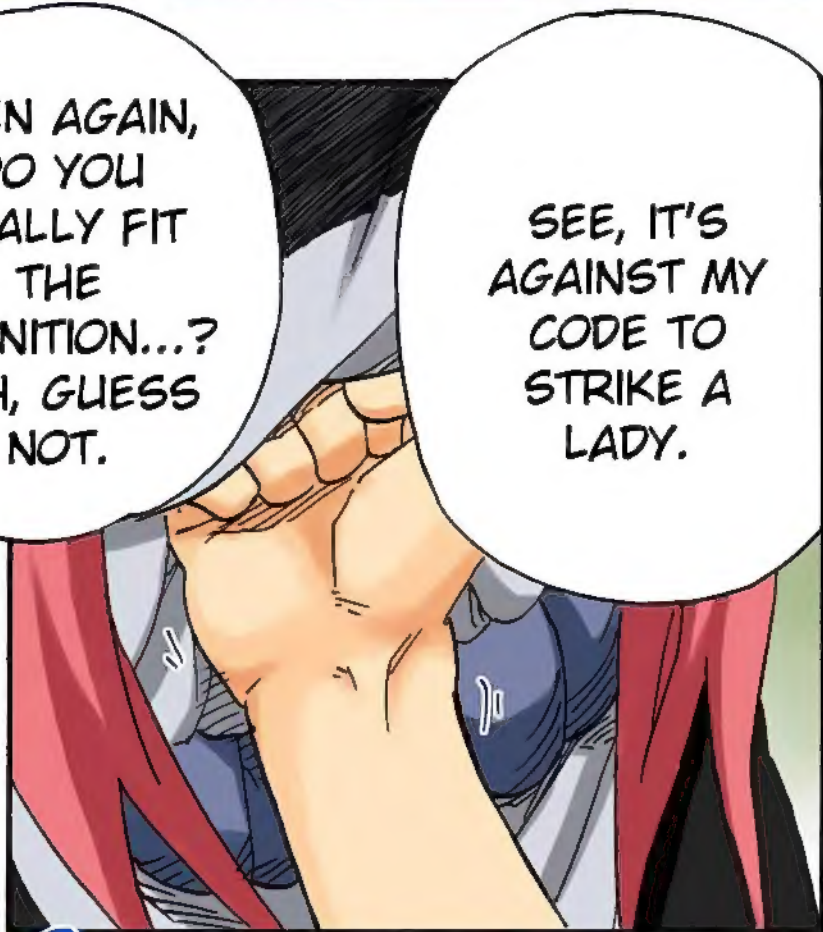
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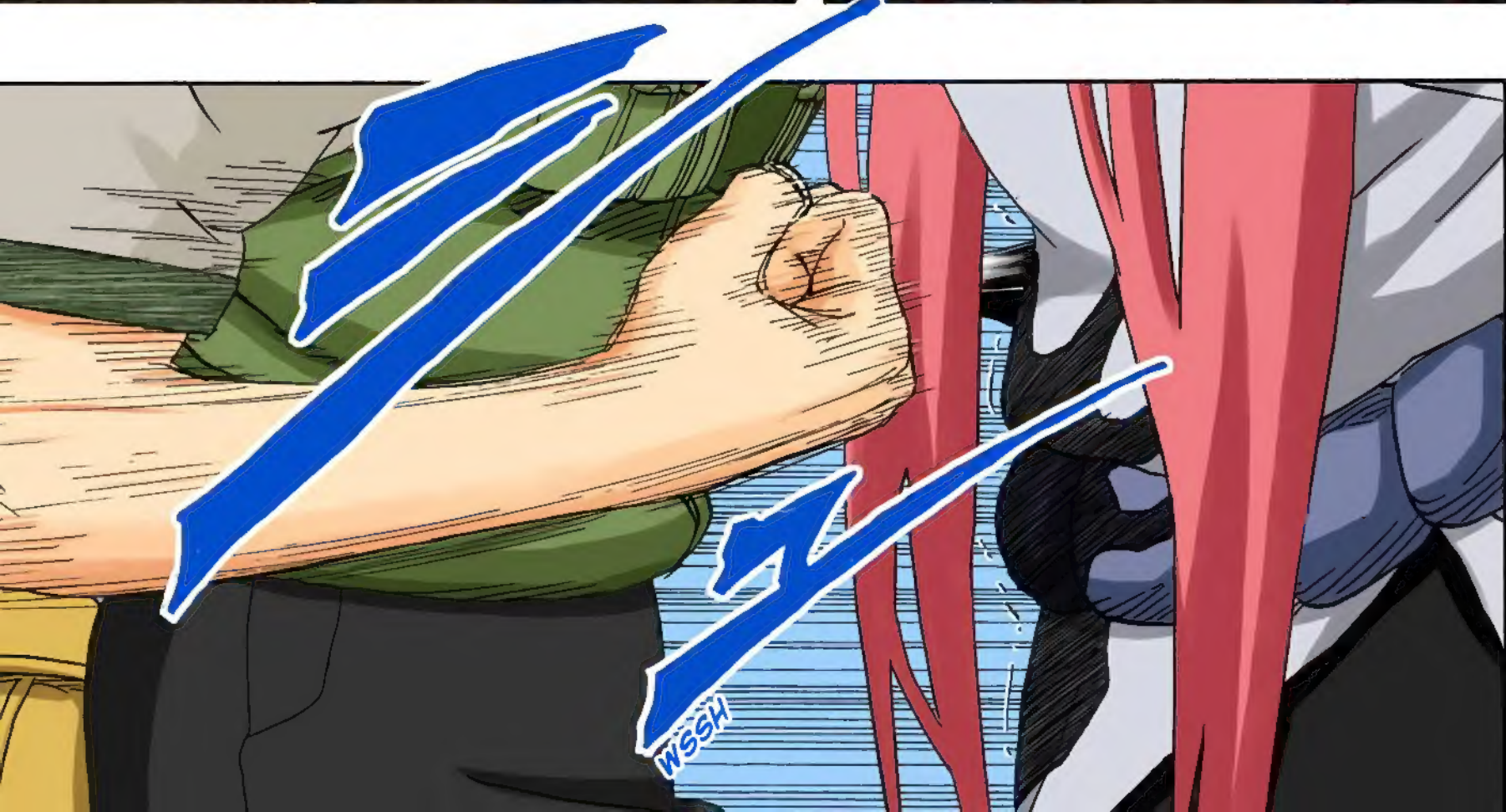
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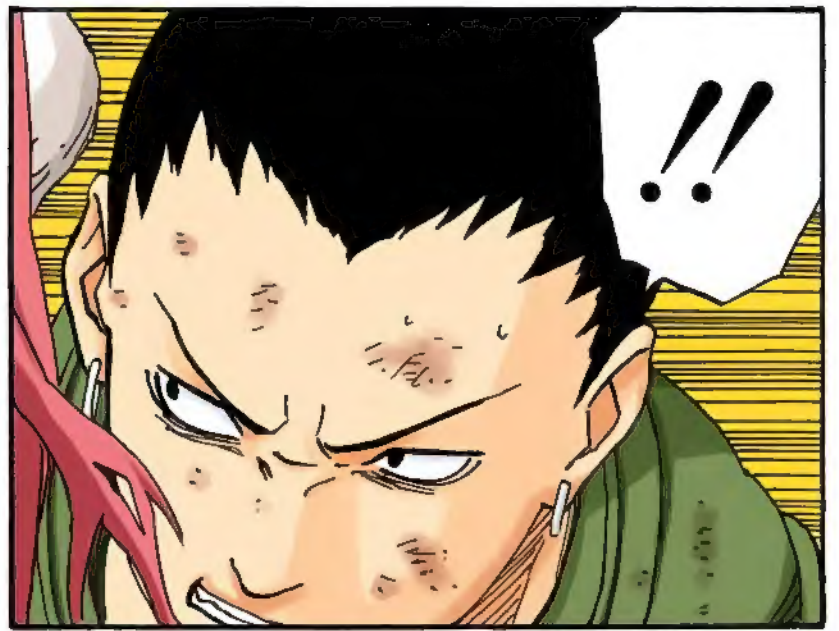


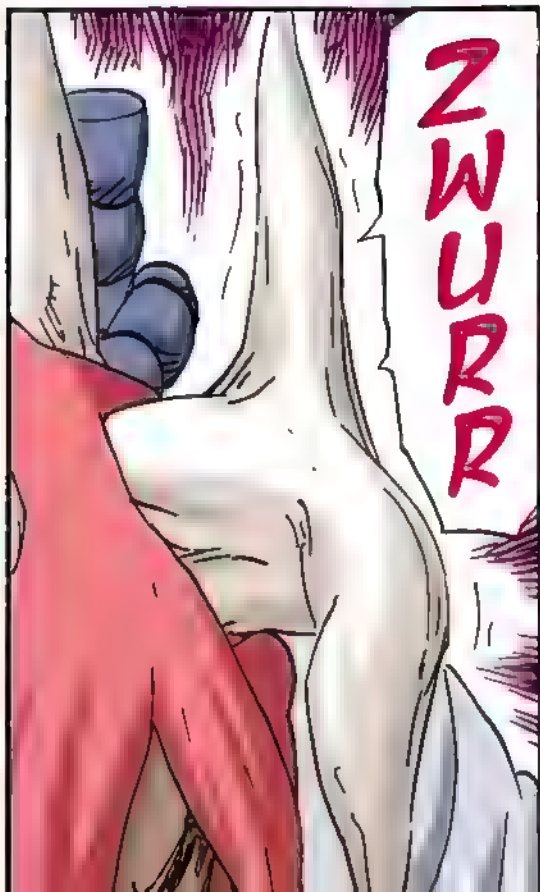
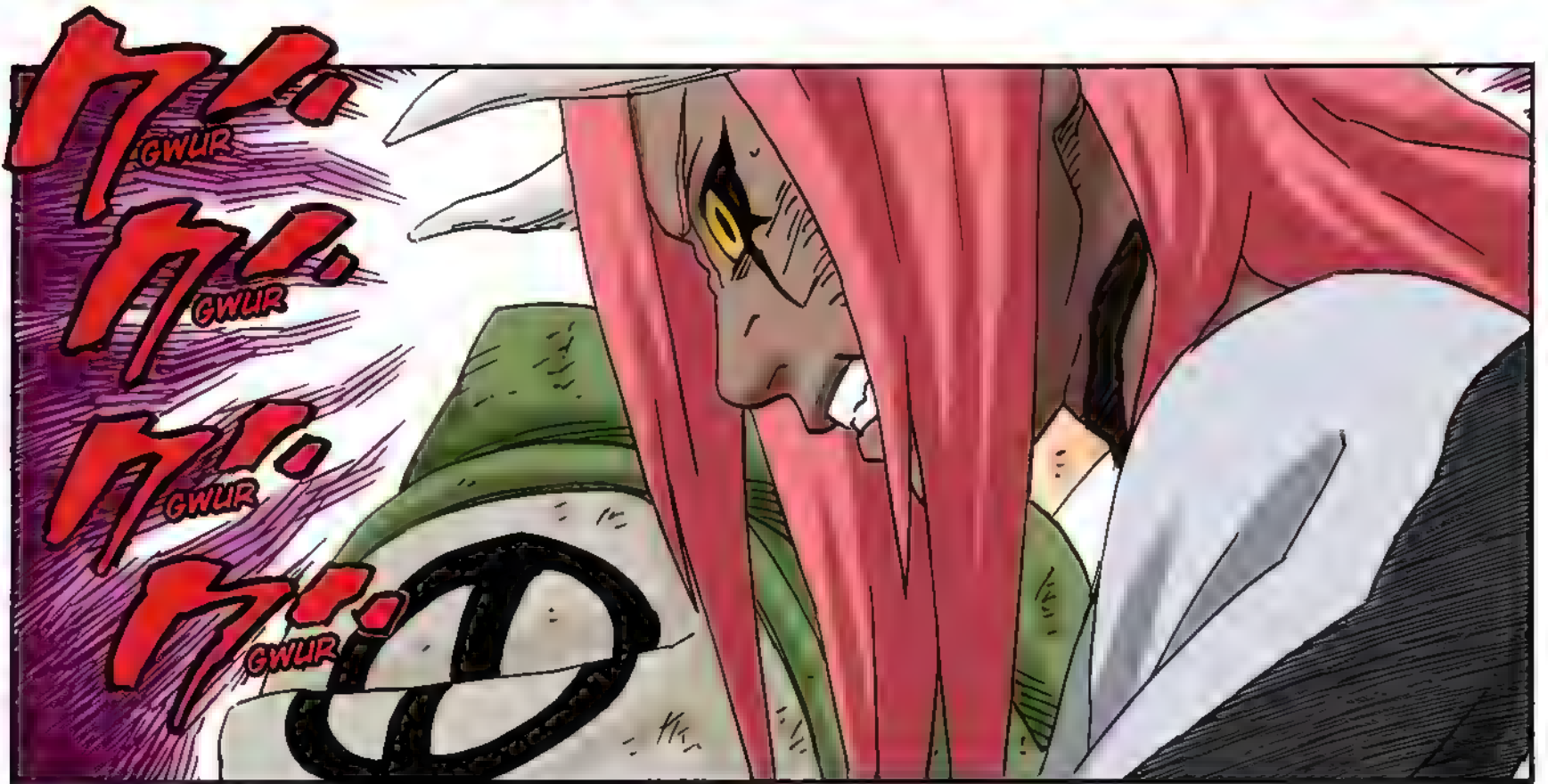
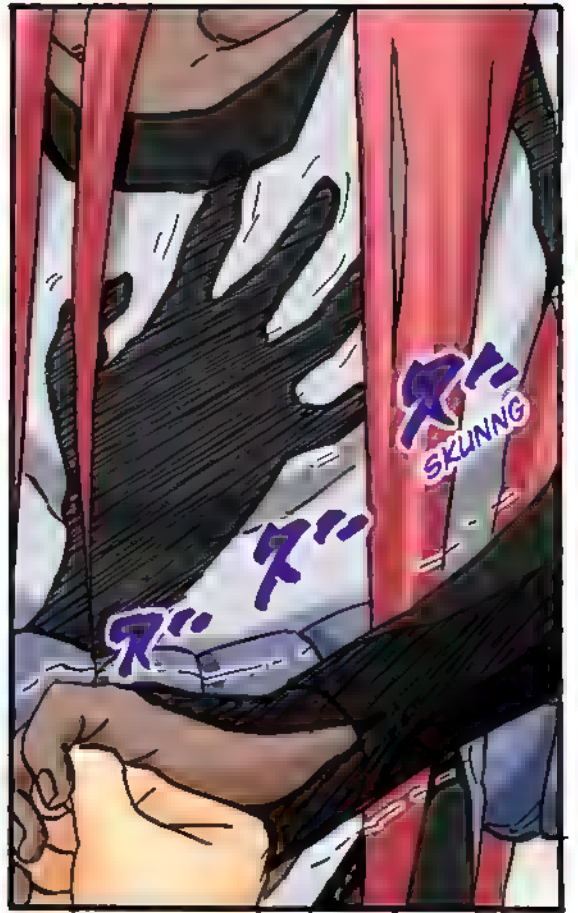
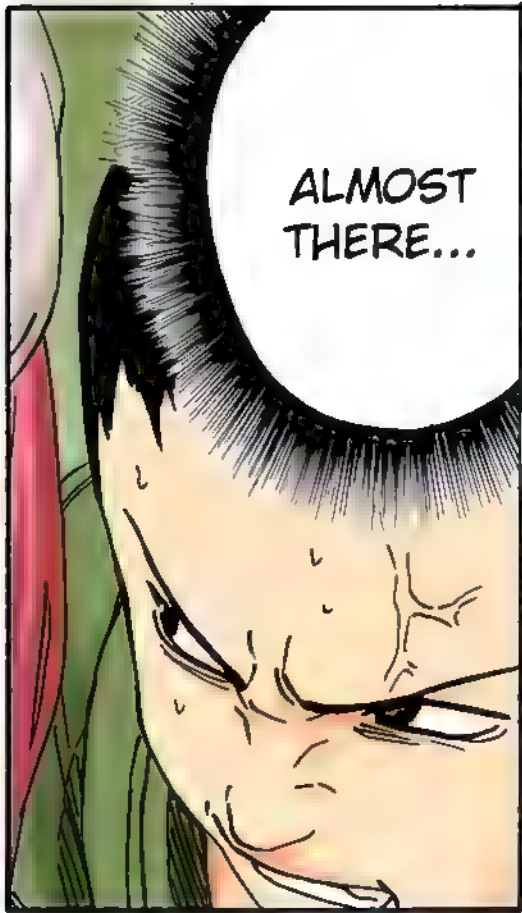
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DO YOU
REALLY FIT
THE
DEFINITION...?
NAH, GUESS
NOT.

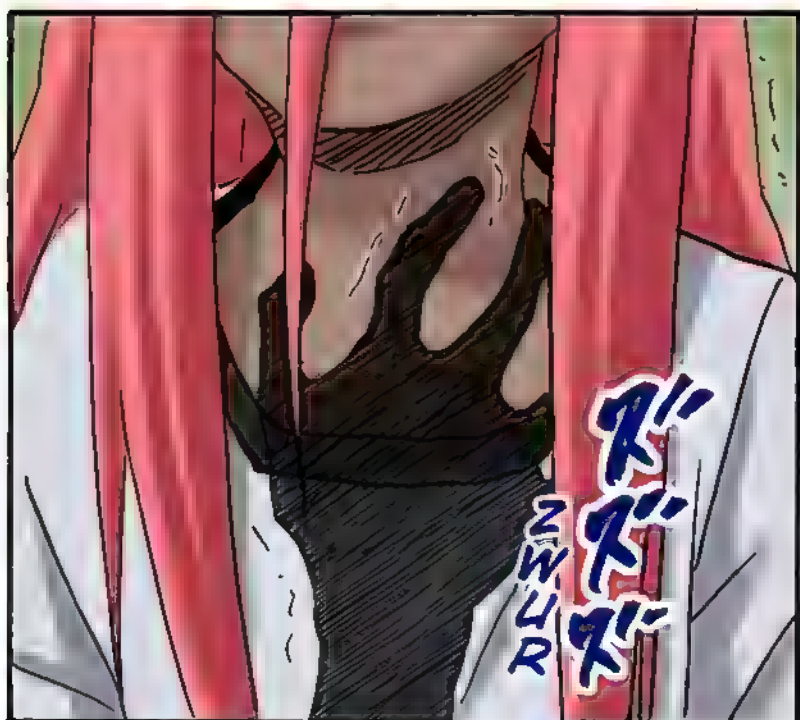


SEE, IT'S
AGAINST MY
CODE TO
STRIKE A
LADY.





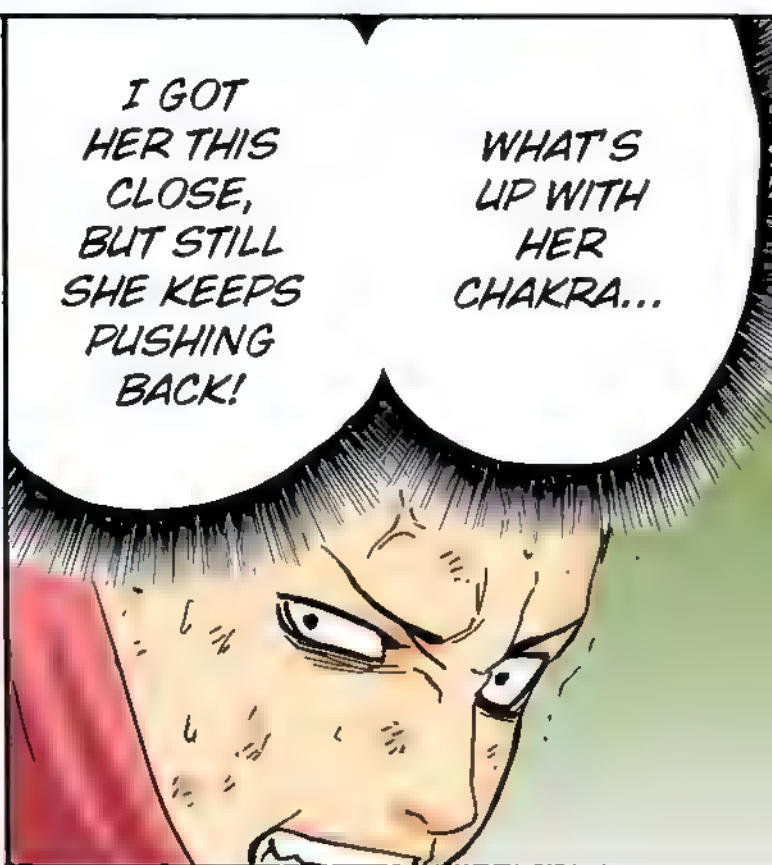




BUT IF
I LET
GO, I'M
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THIS
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PARALYSIS
EATS UP
WAY TOO
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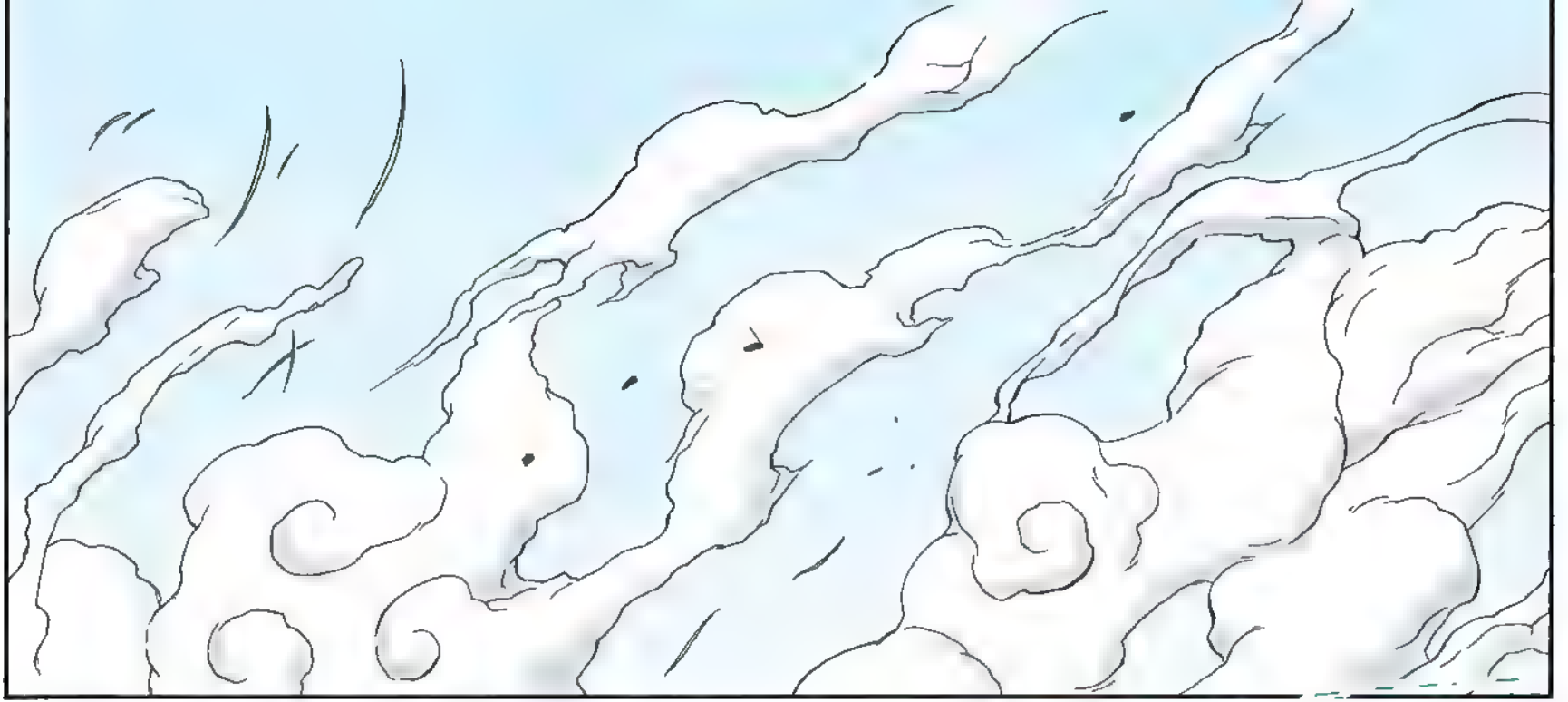
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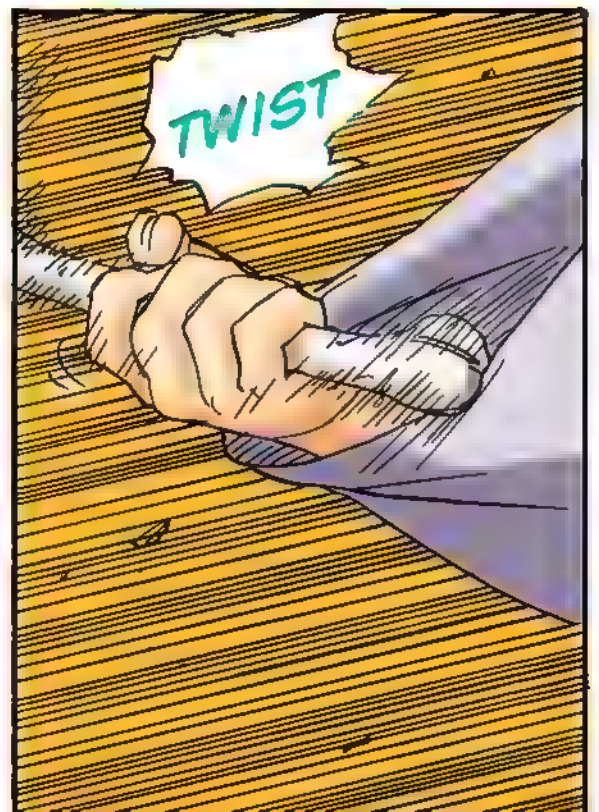
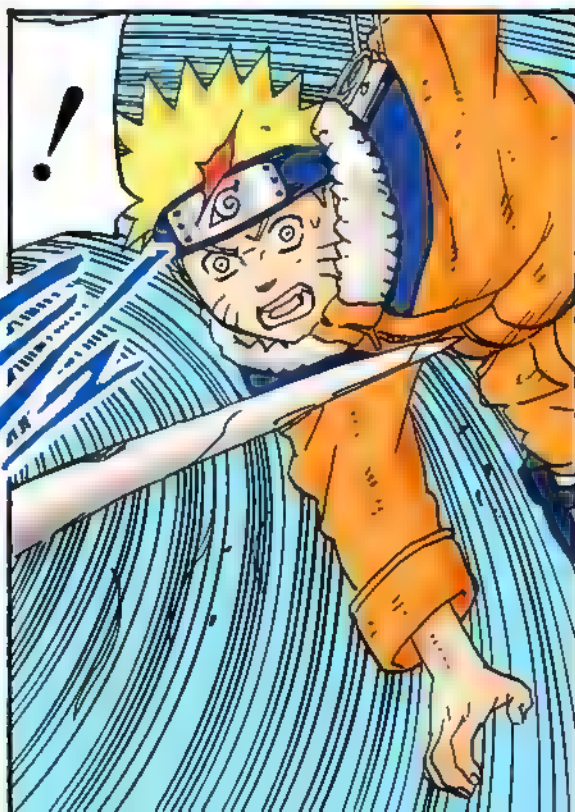
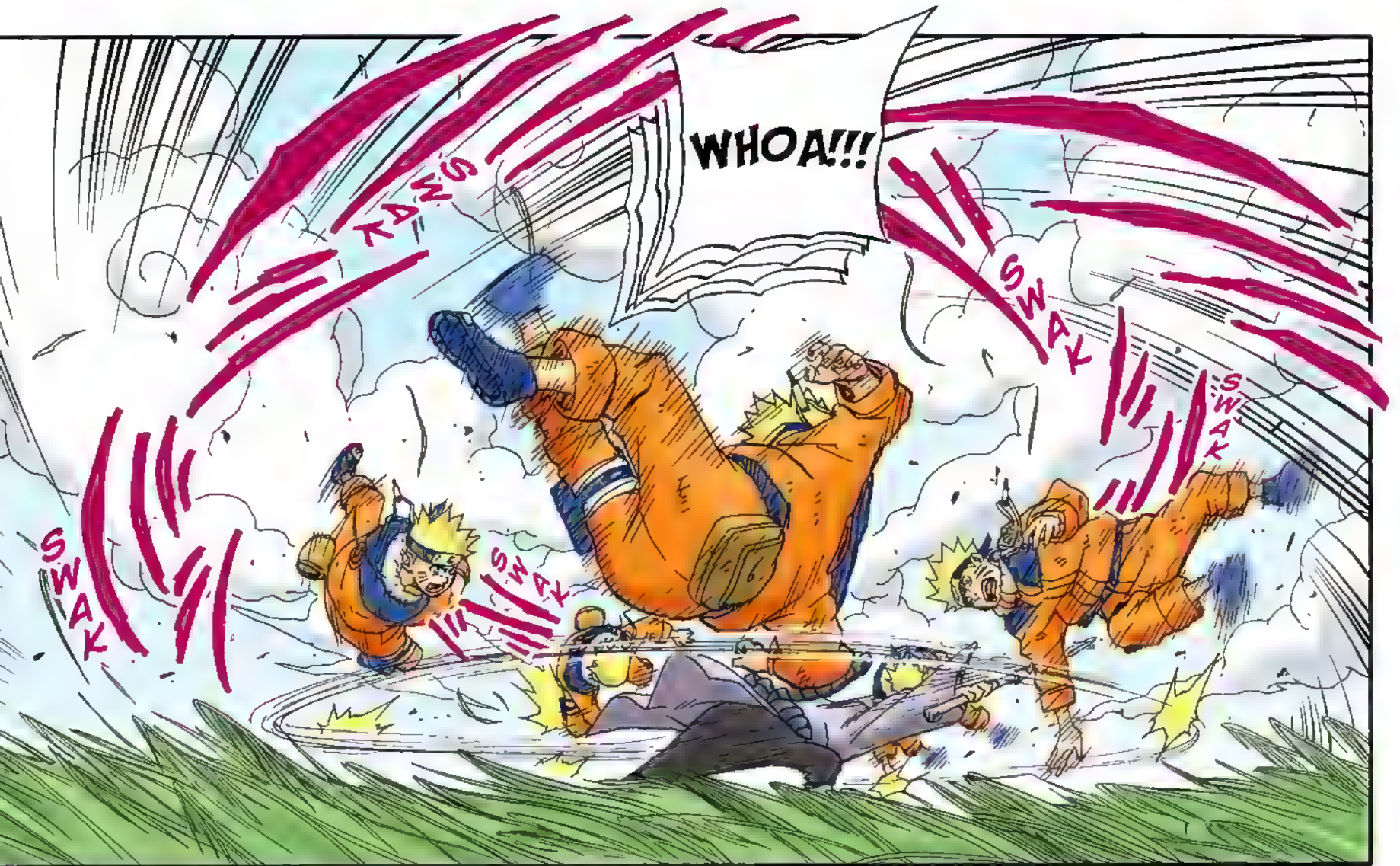
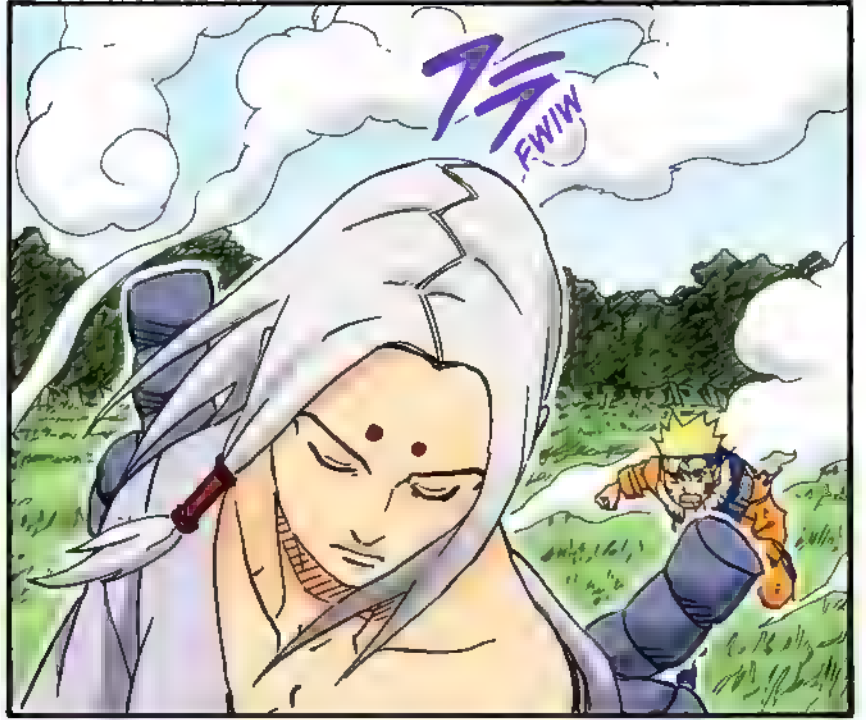


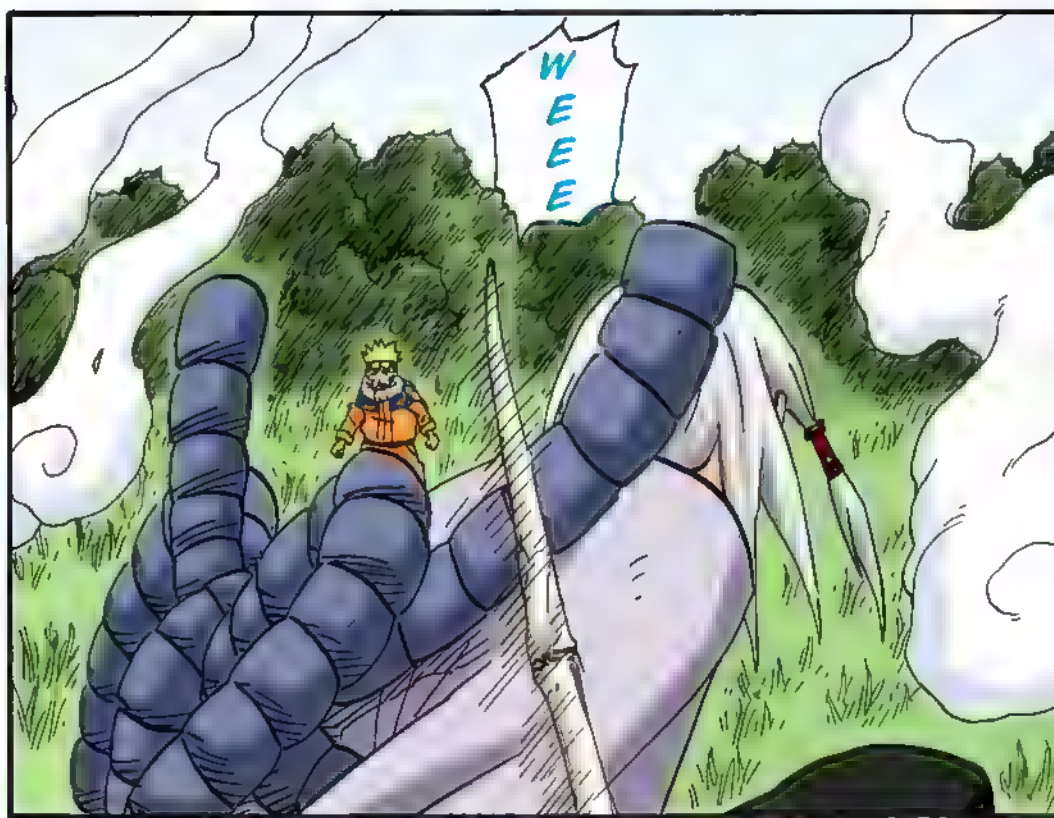
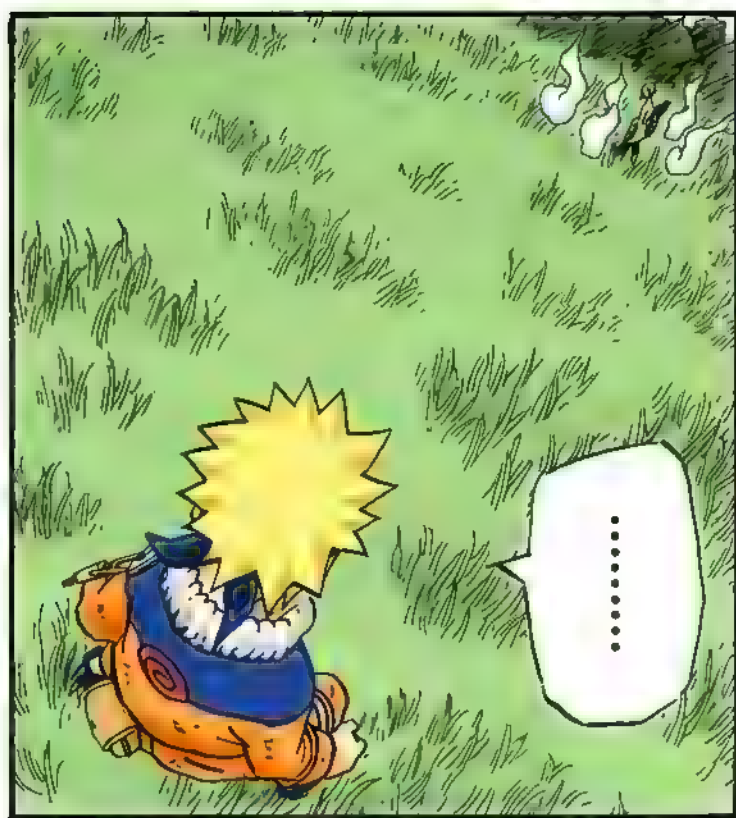
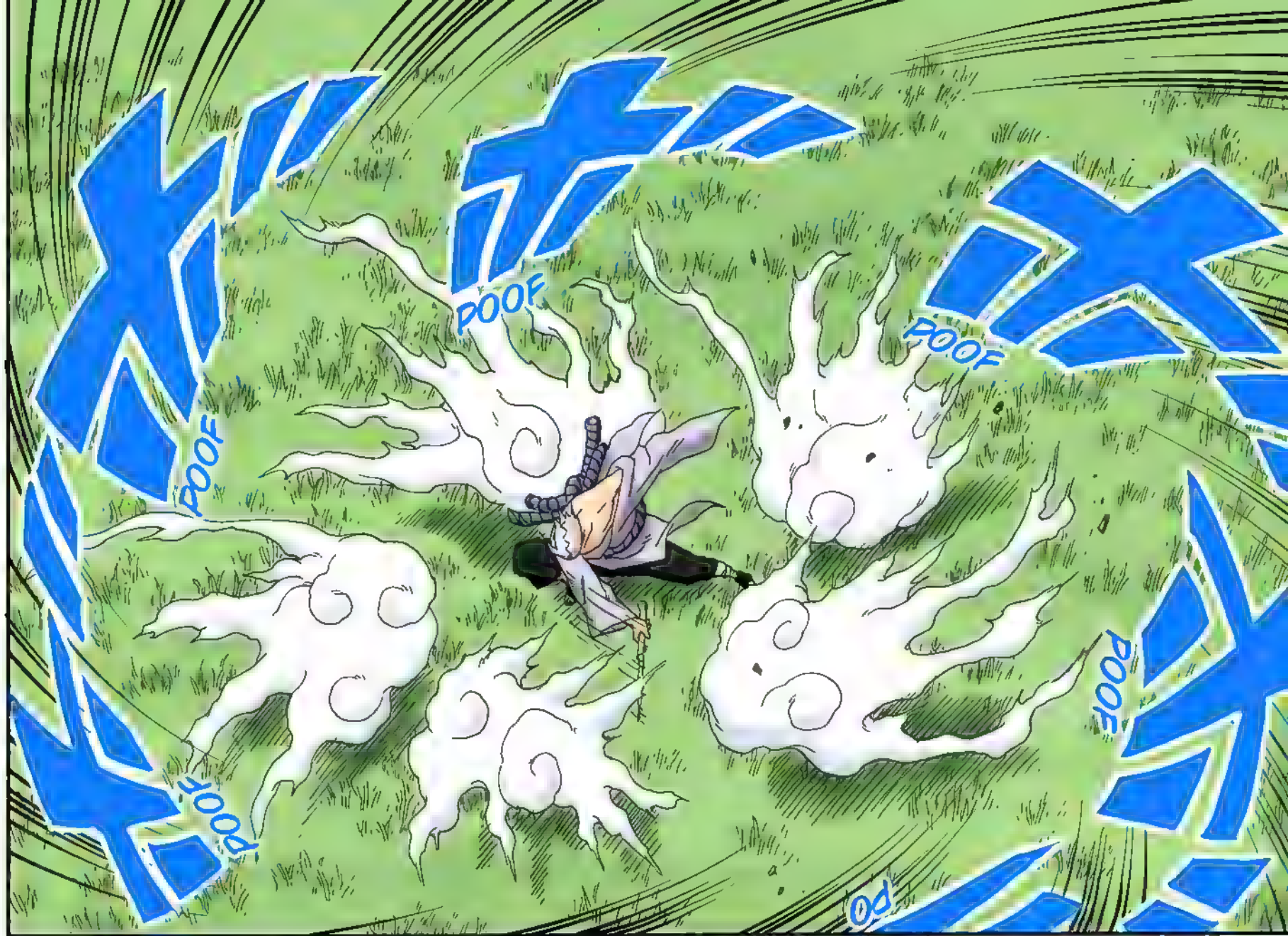
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HER THIS
CLOSE,
BUT STILL
SHE KEEPS
PUSHING
BACK!

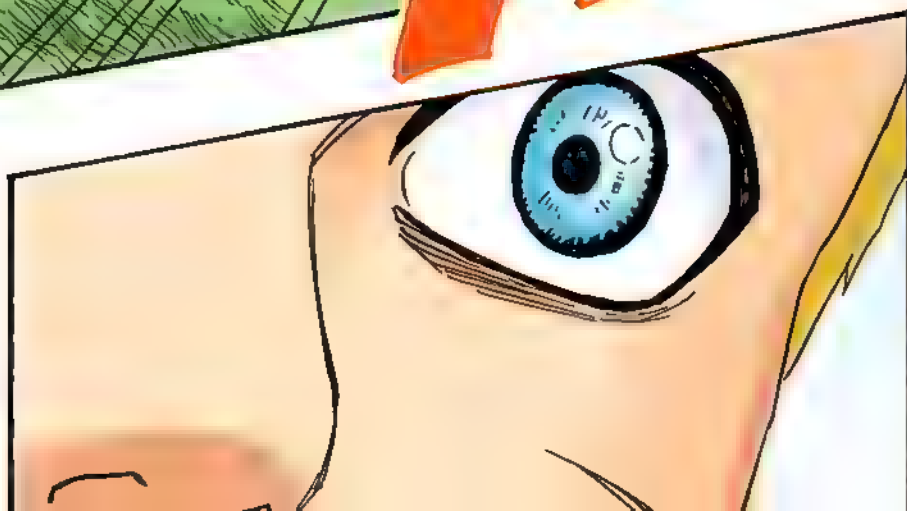
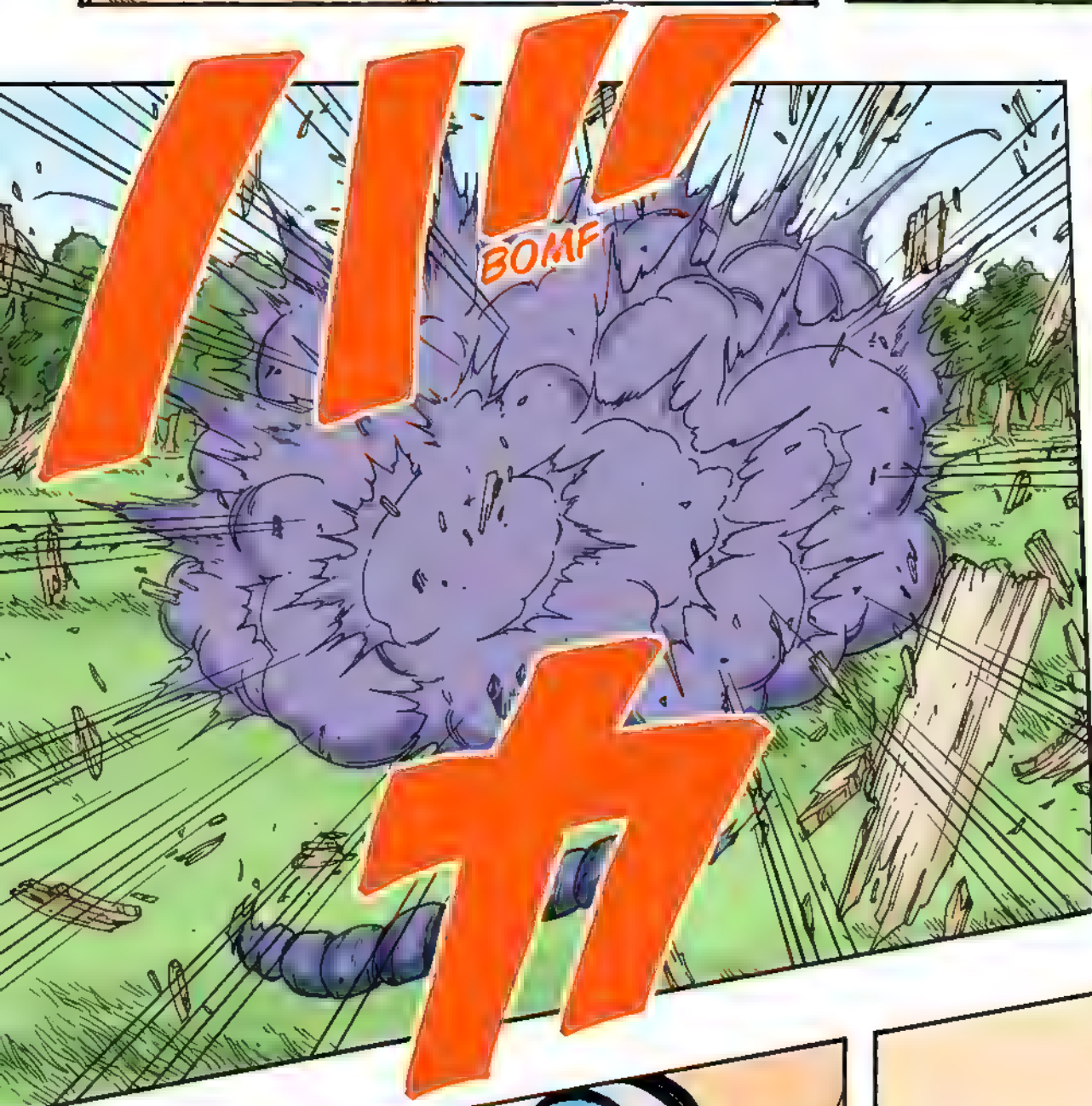
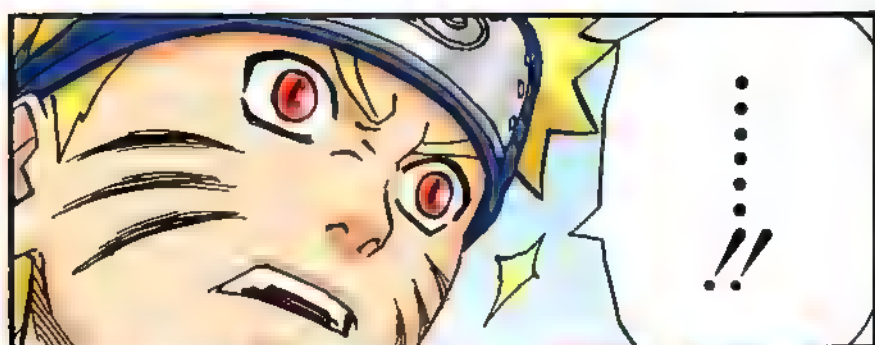
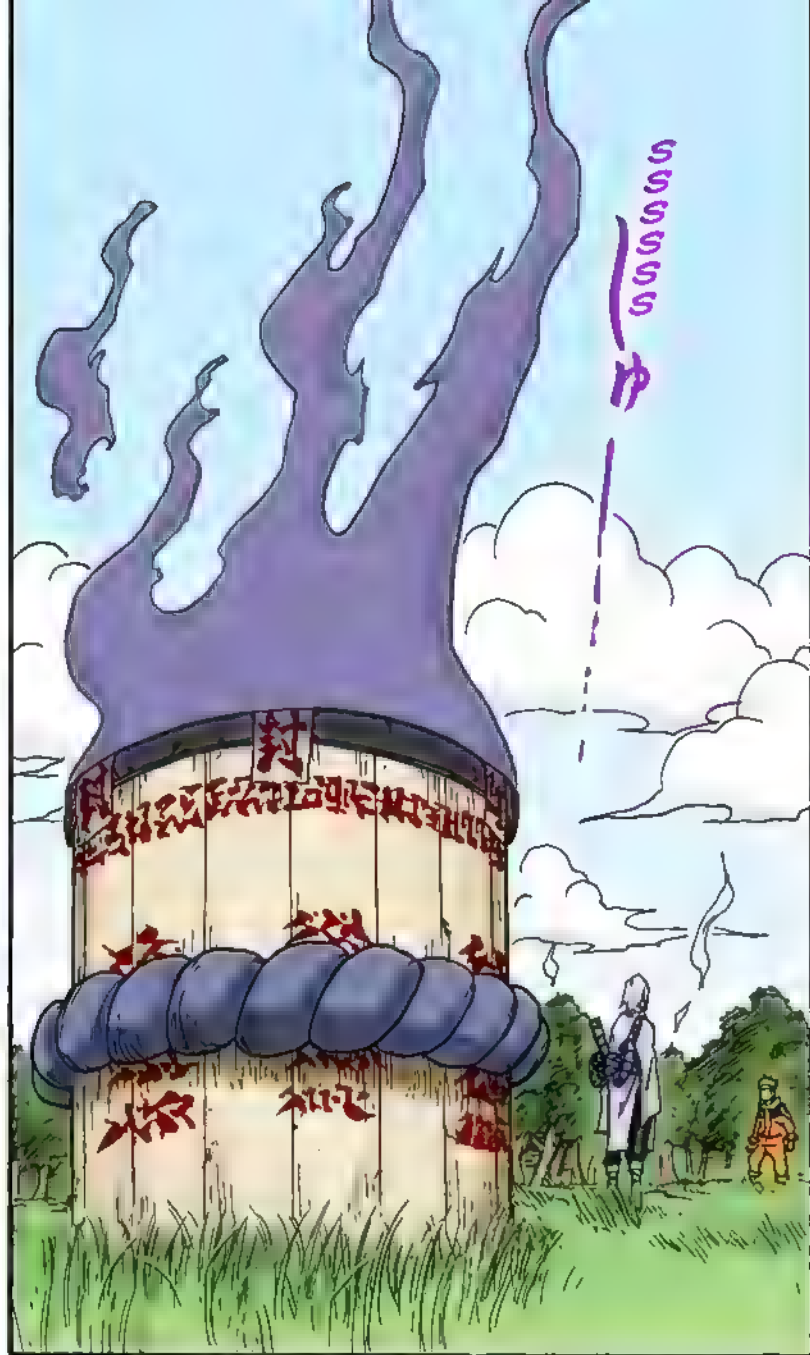
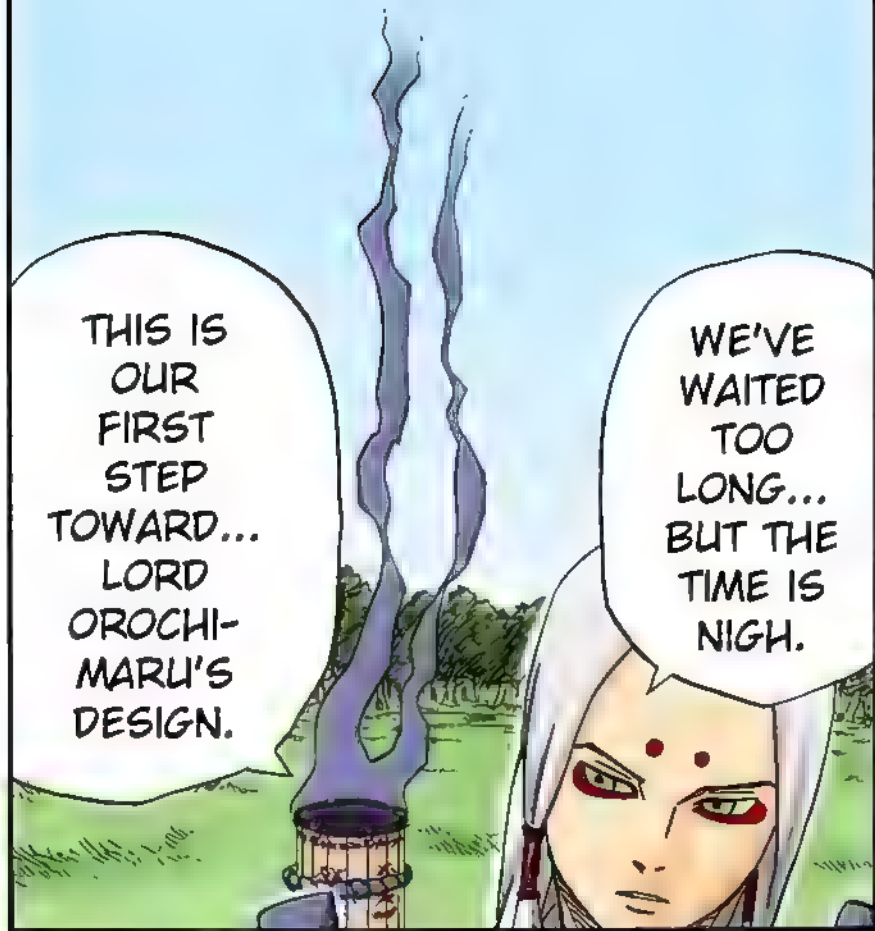
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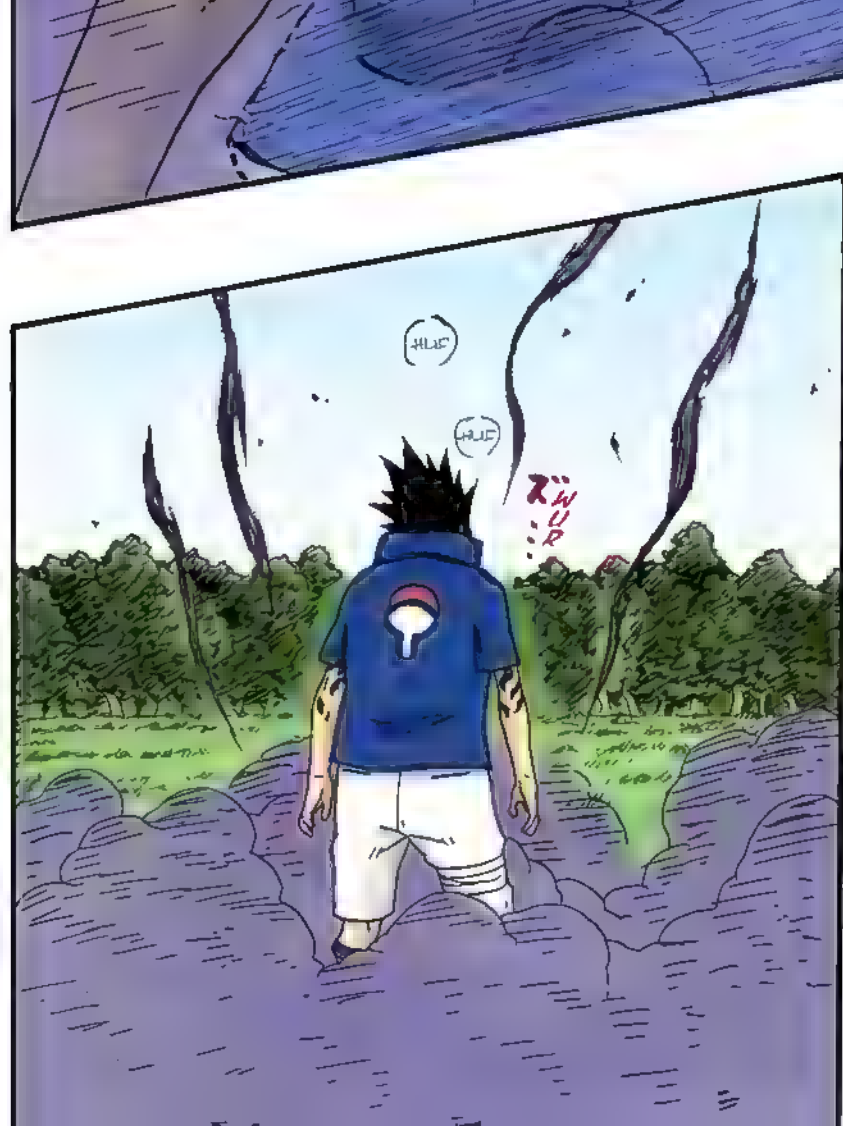


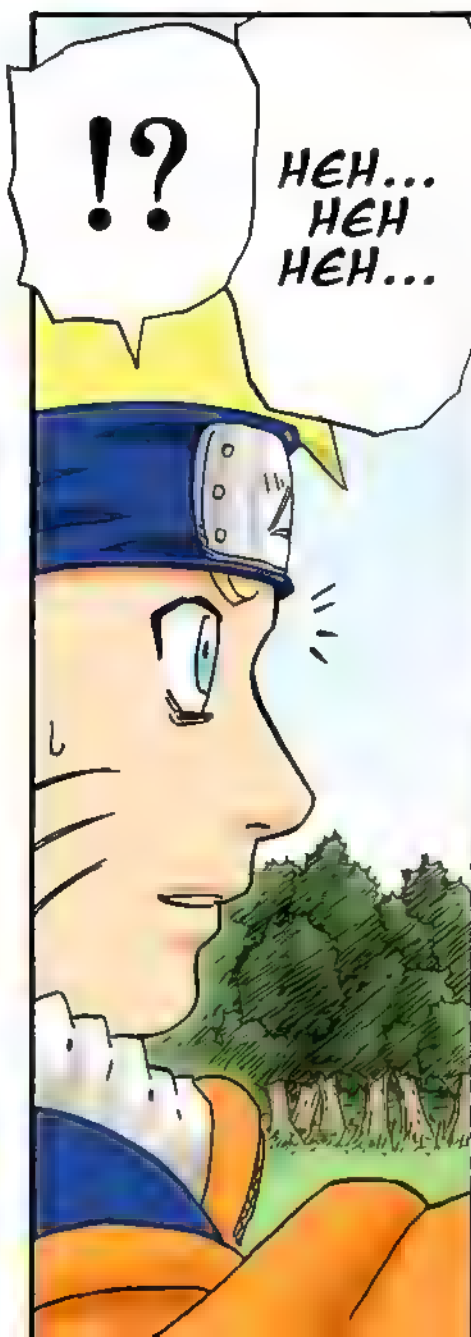
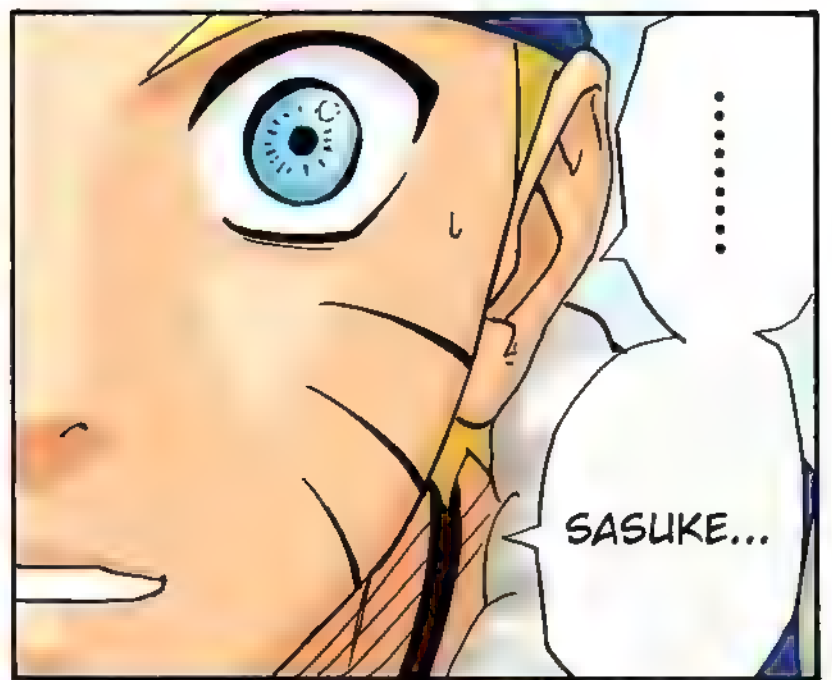


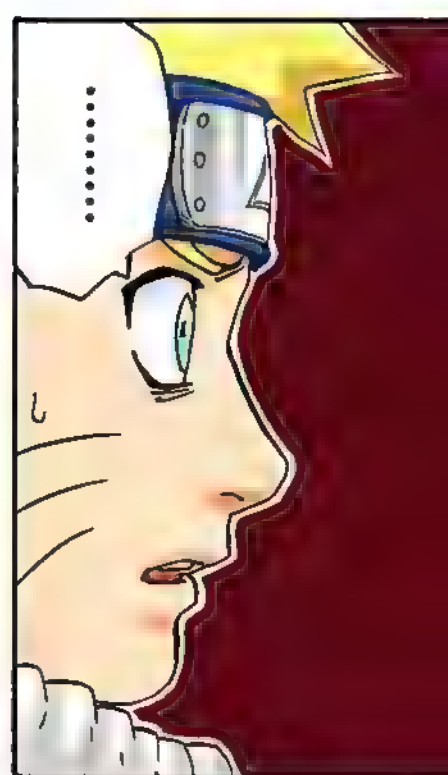
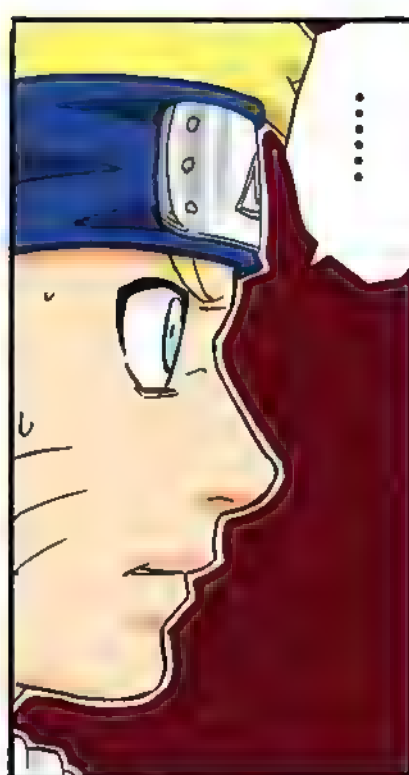
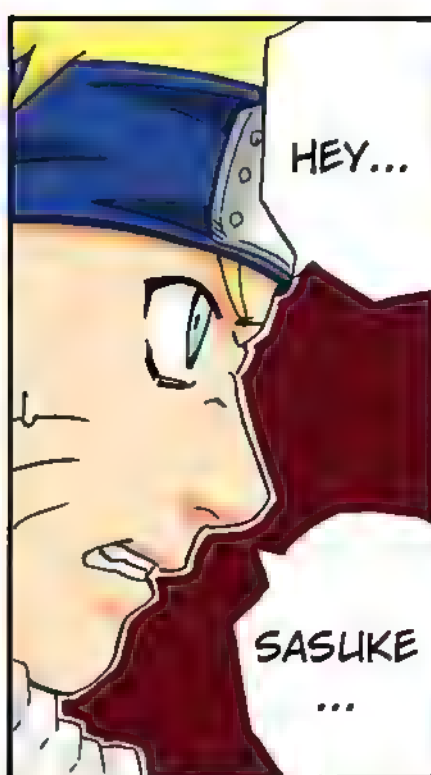
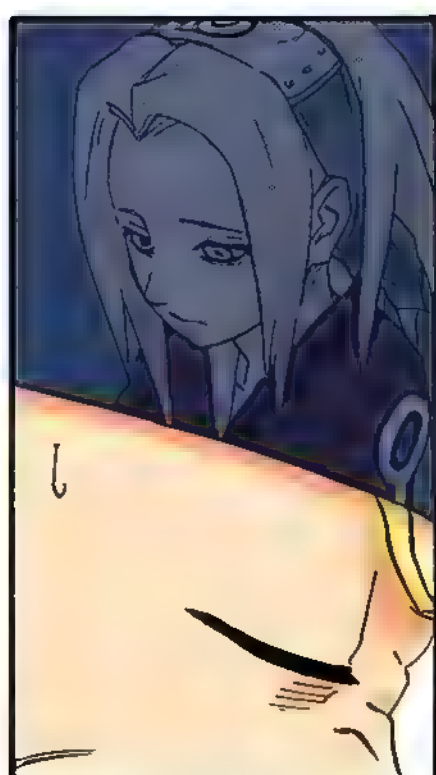


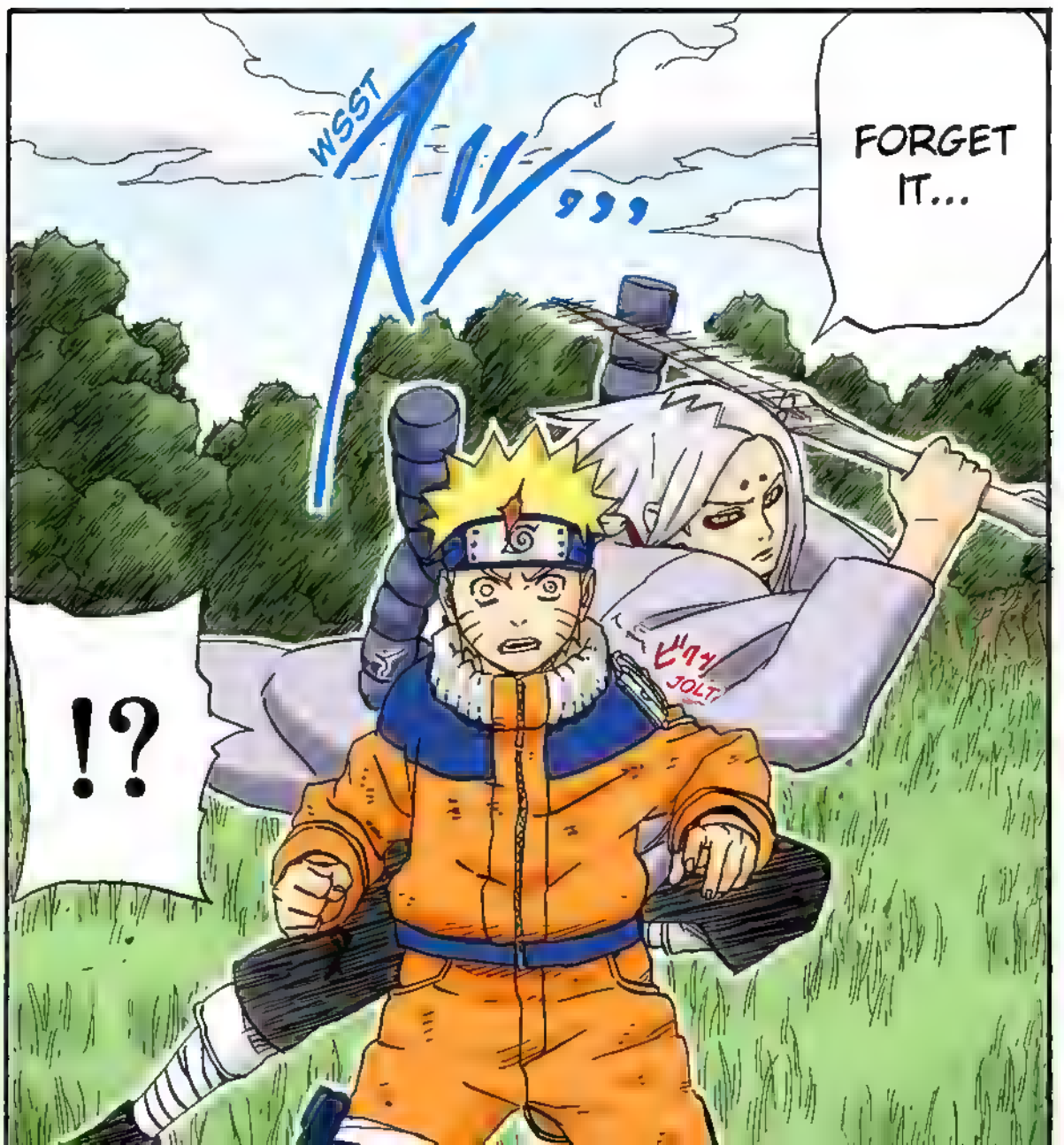
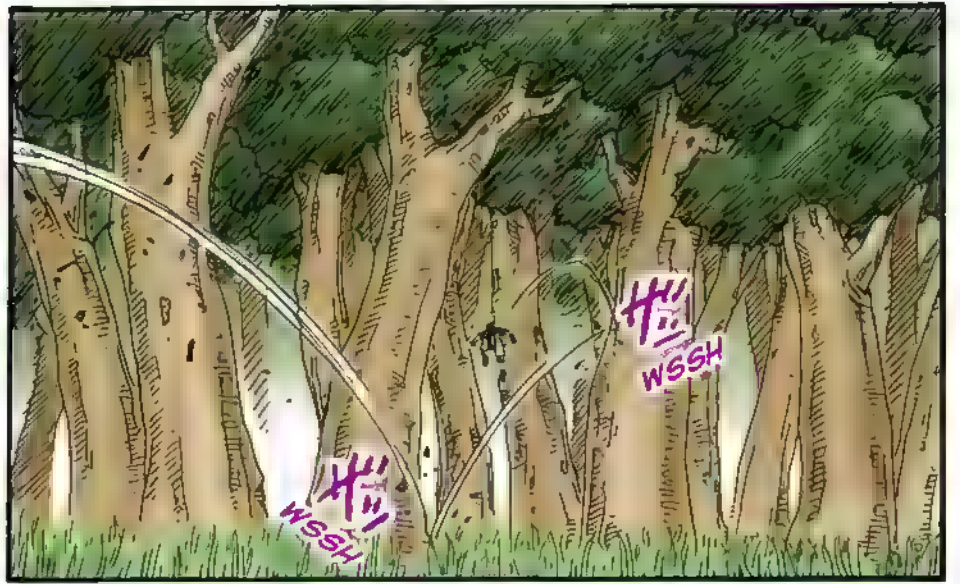
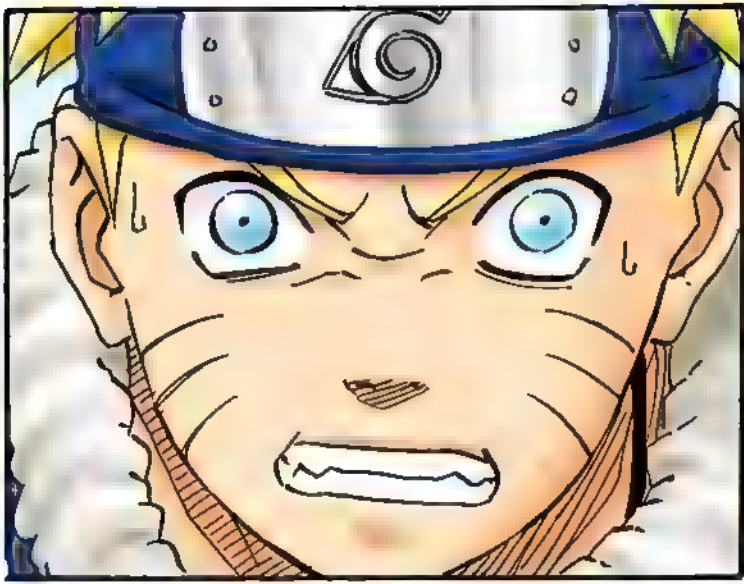
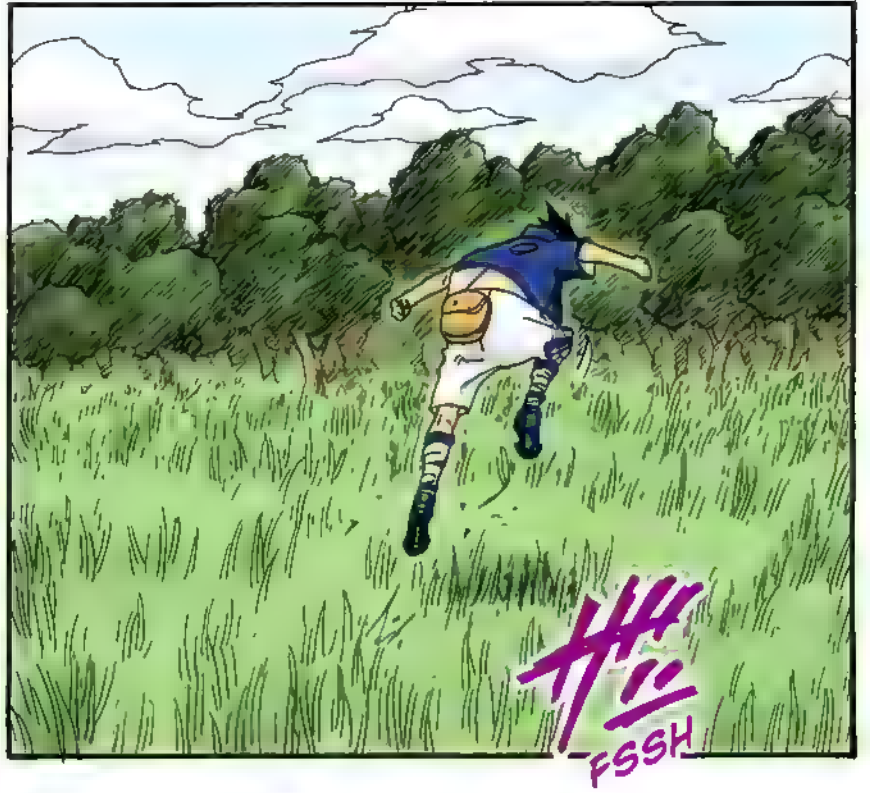
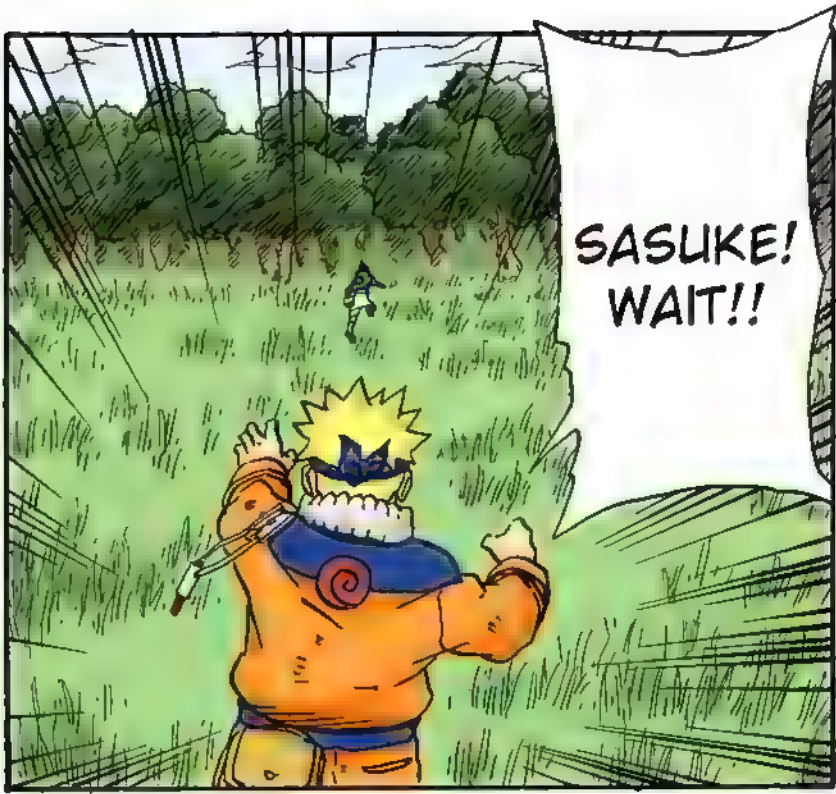


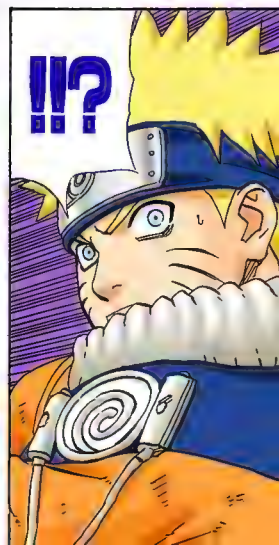
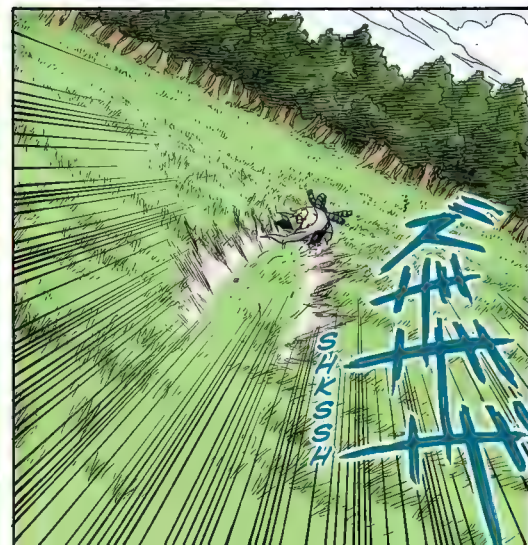








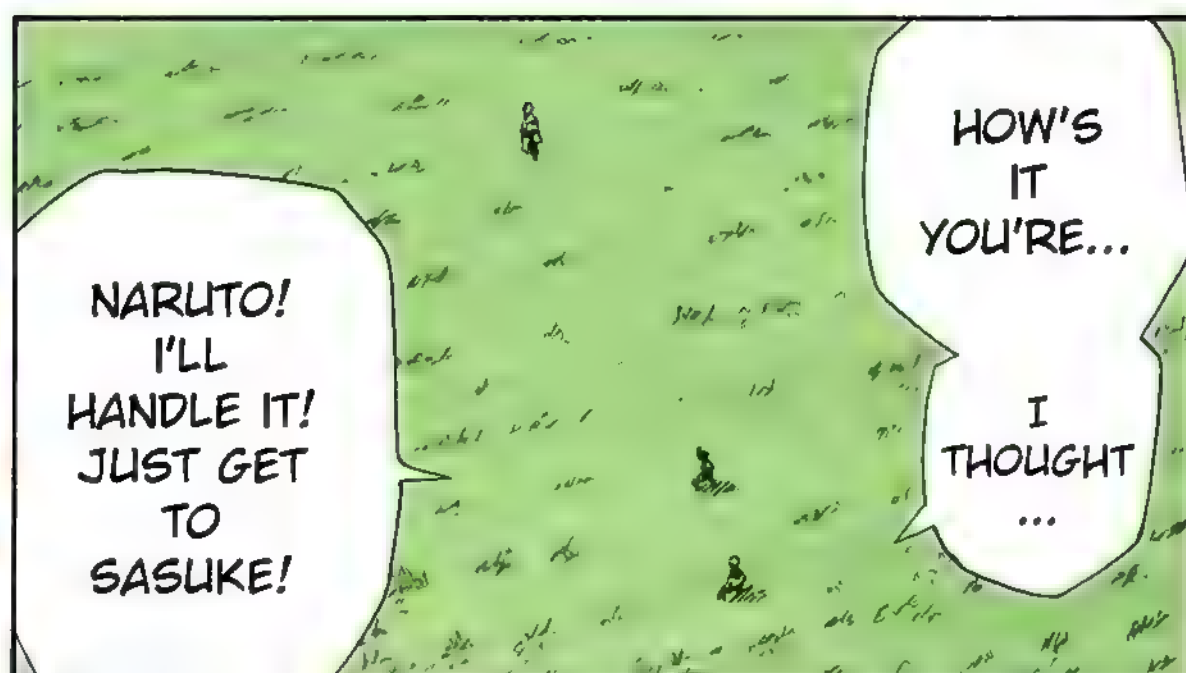




THE
NAME'S
ROCK
LEE!

KONOHA'S
HANDSOME
BLUE
BEAST
IS BACK...





HE'S...

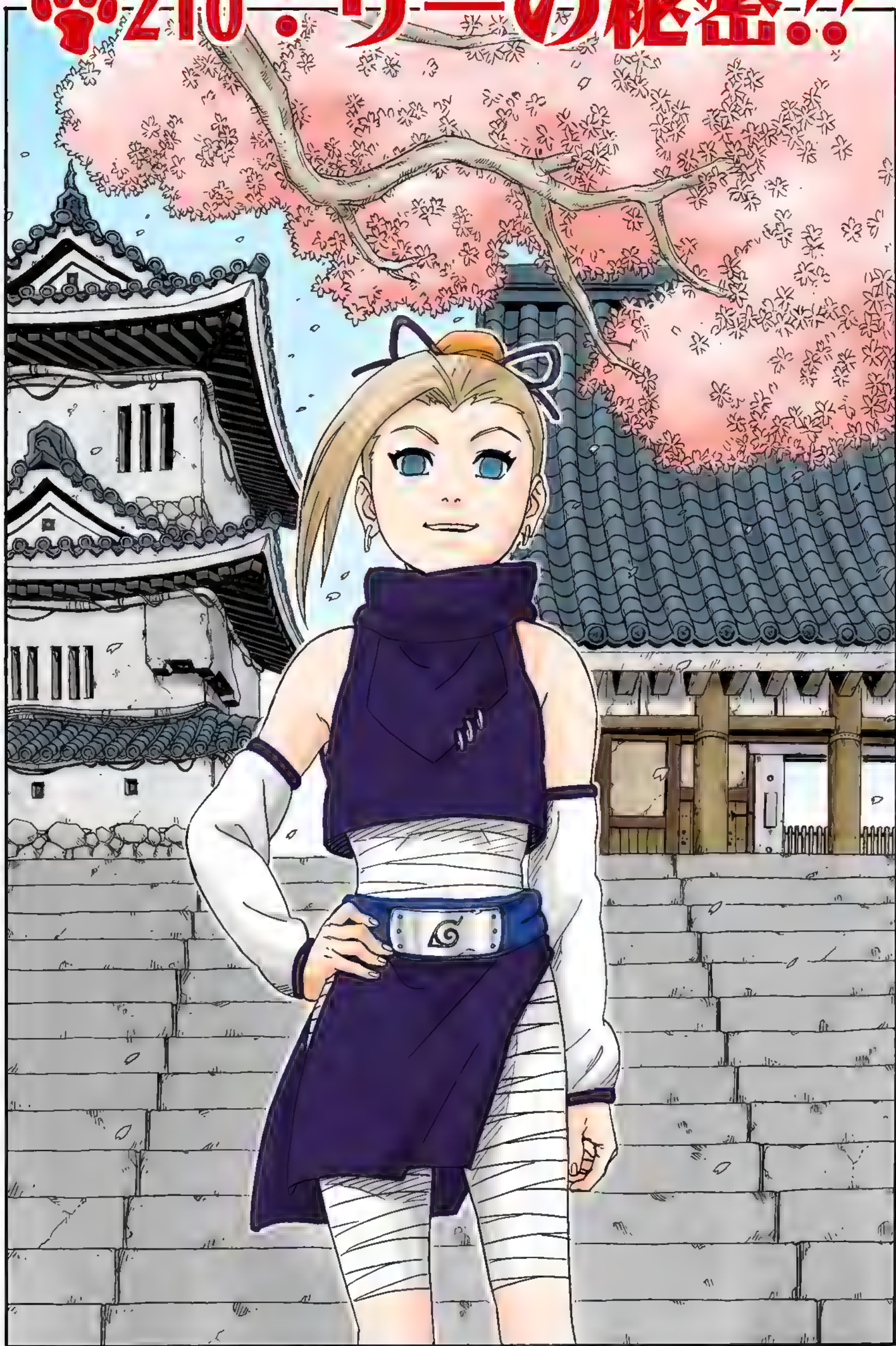


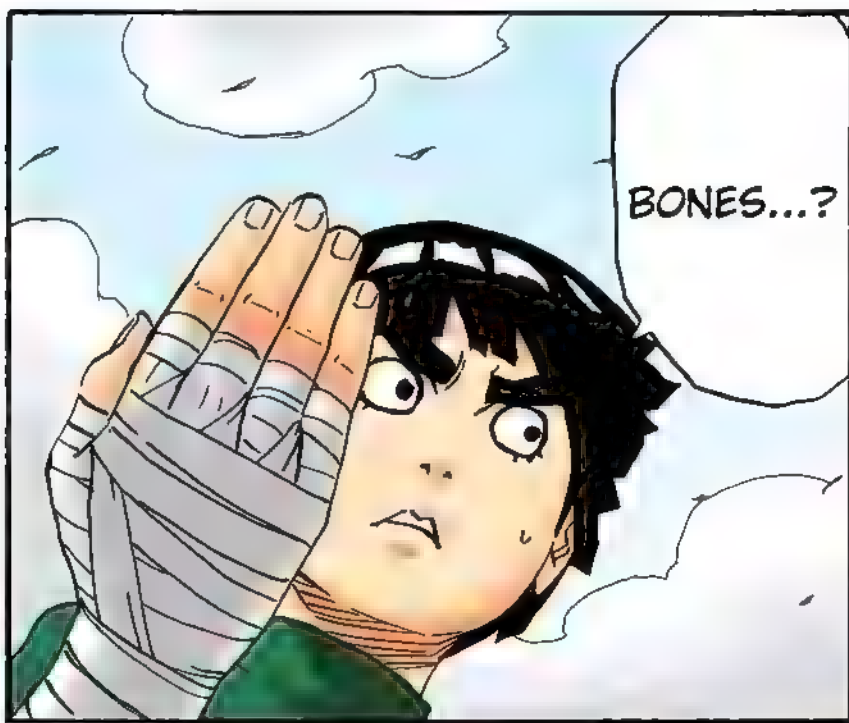
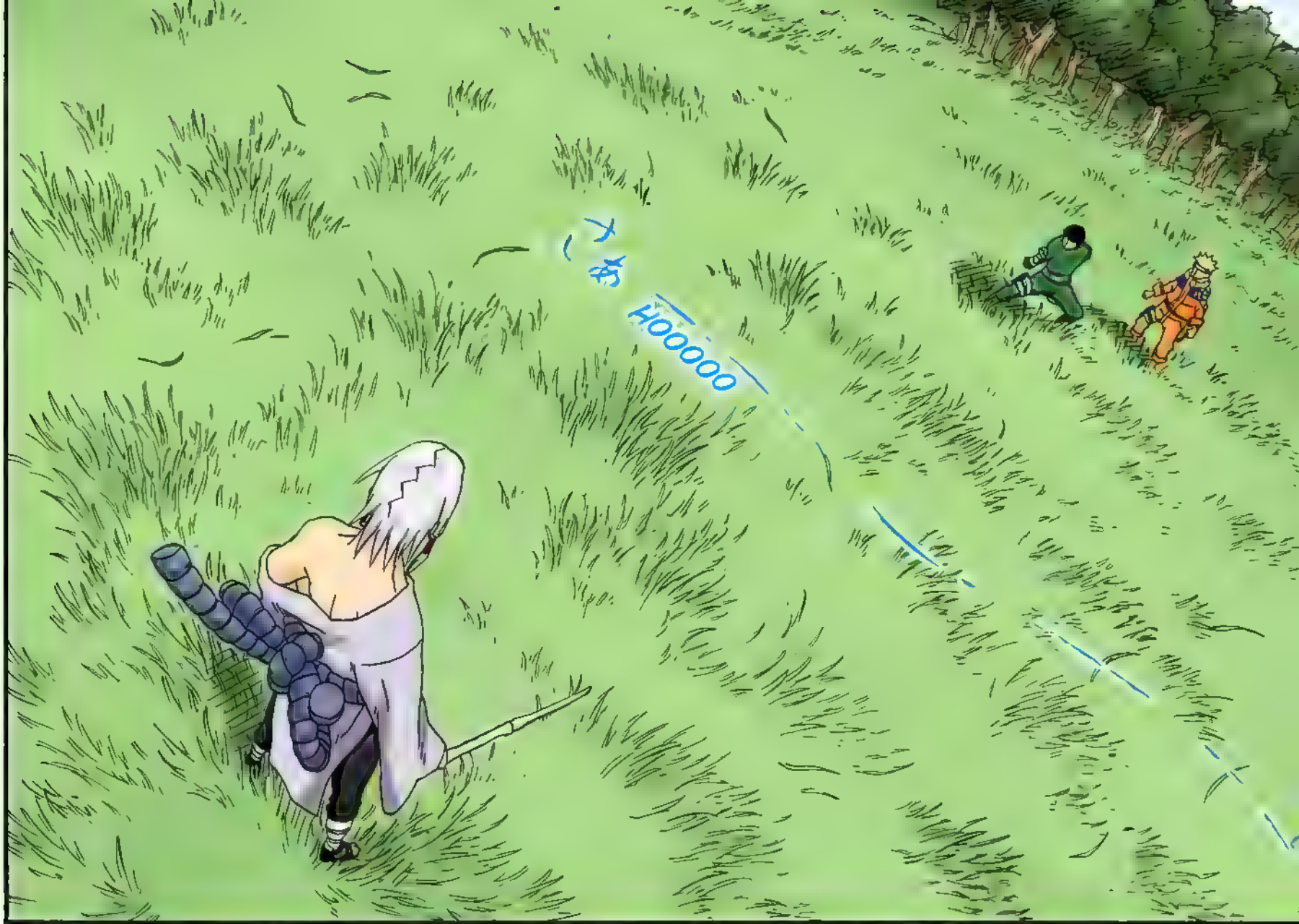
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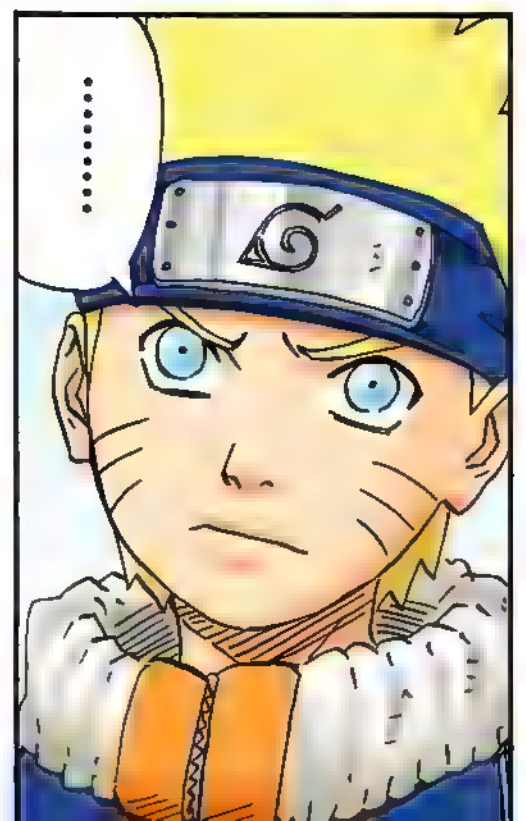
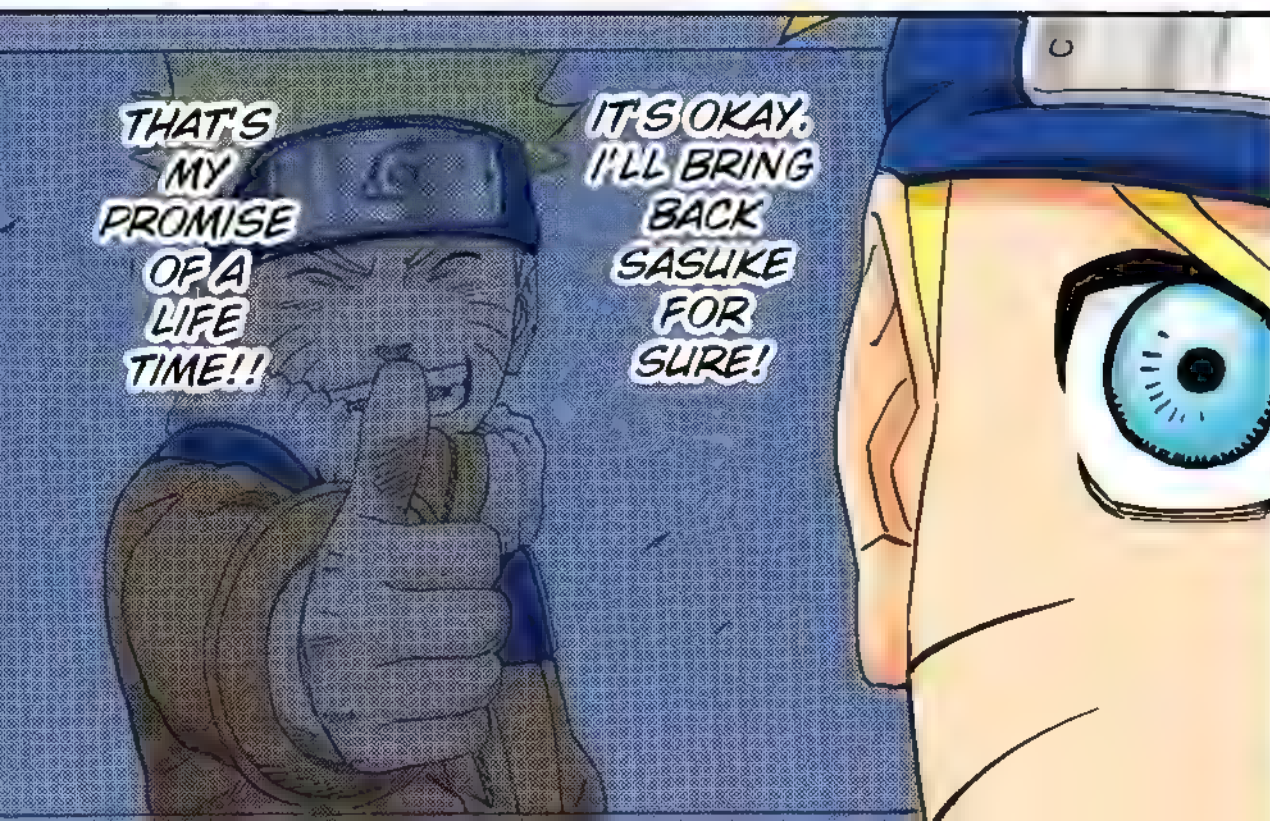
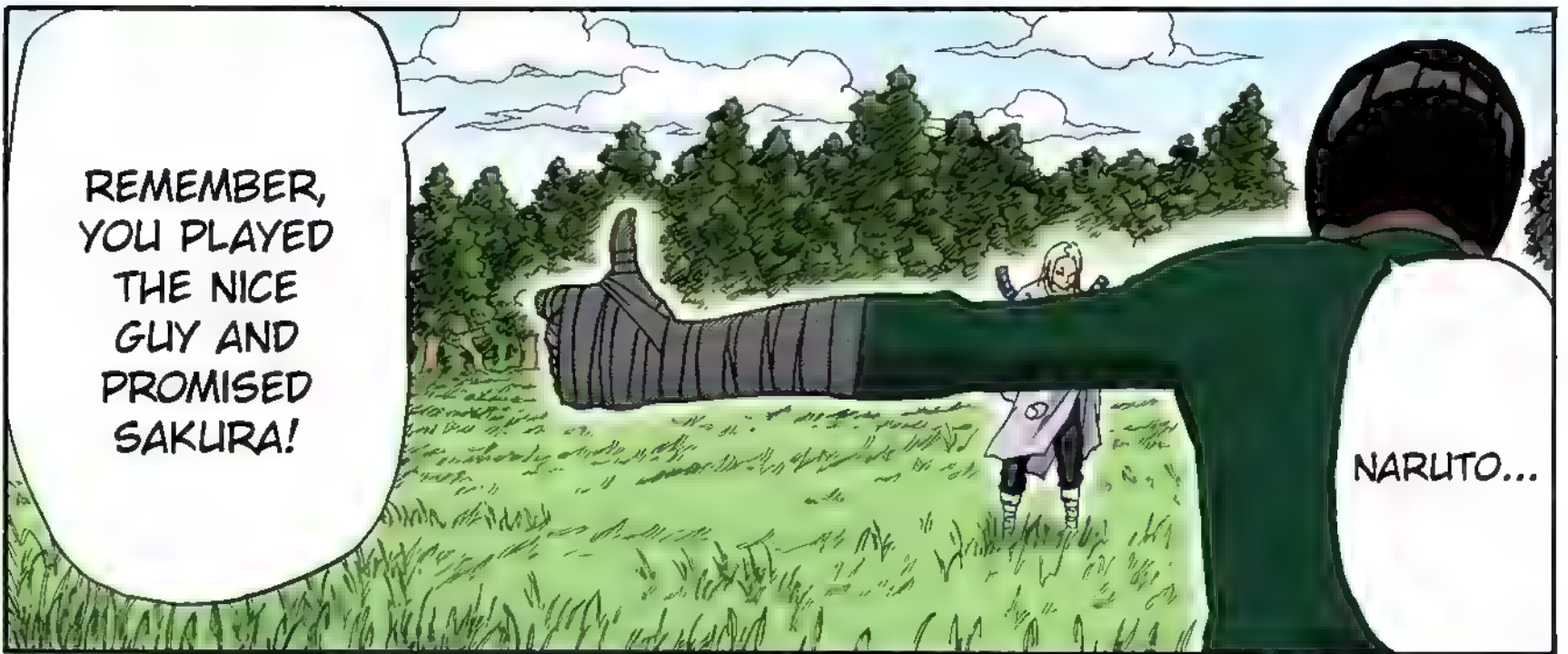
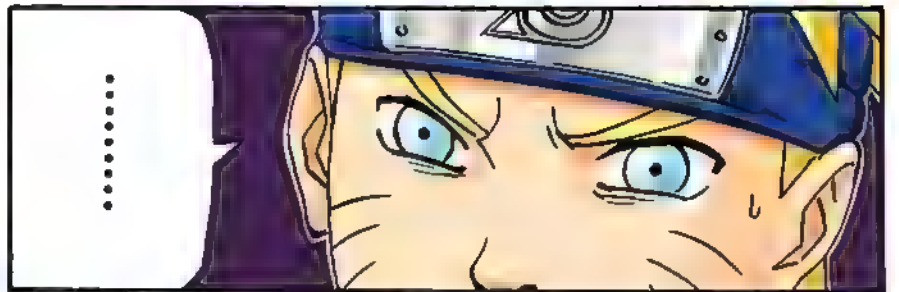
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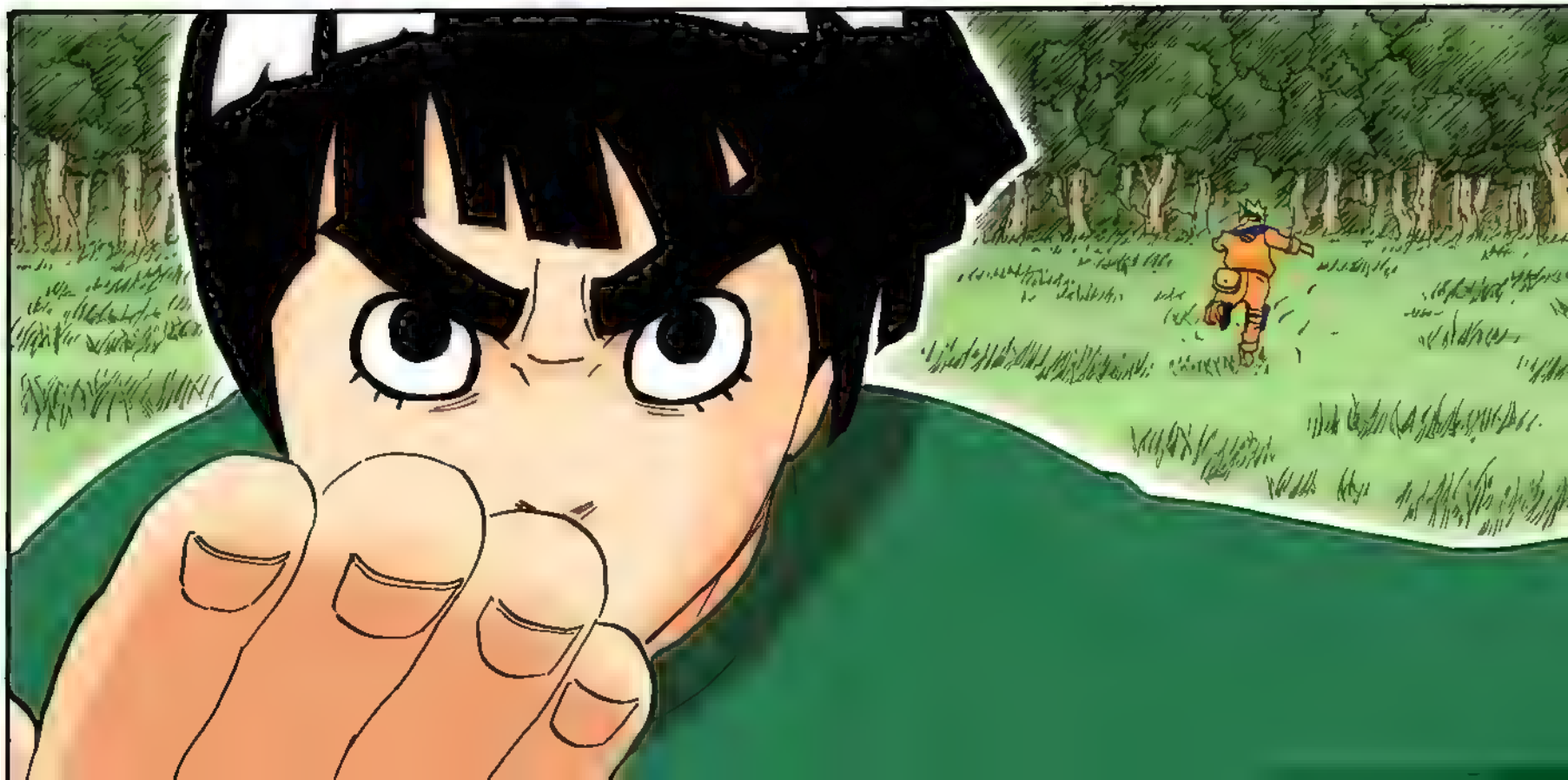
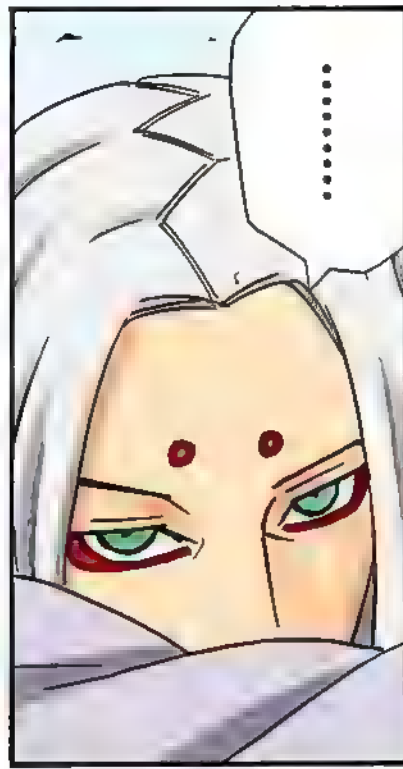
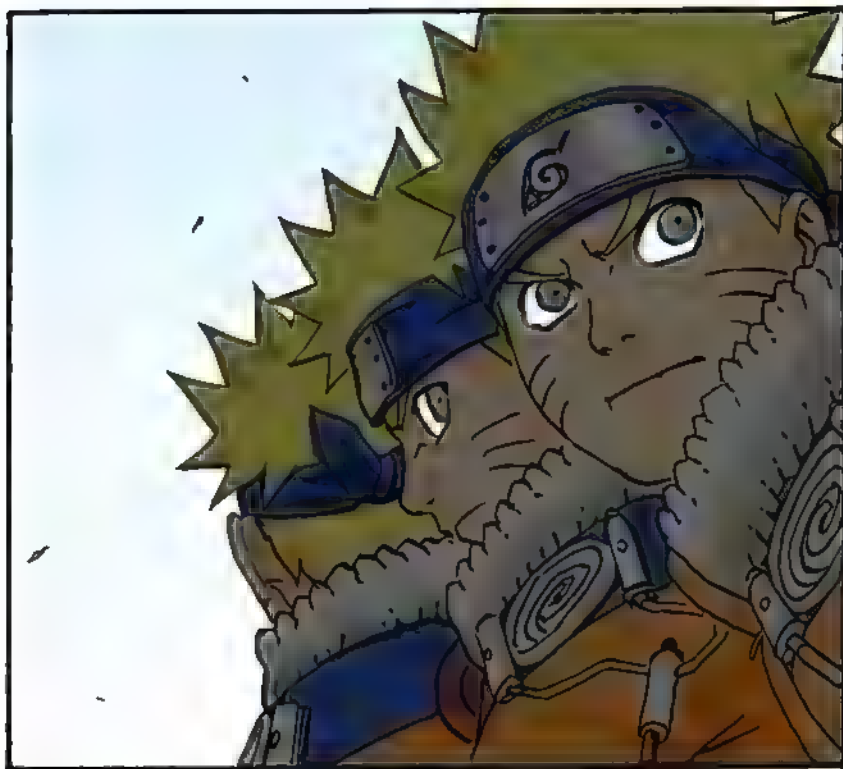
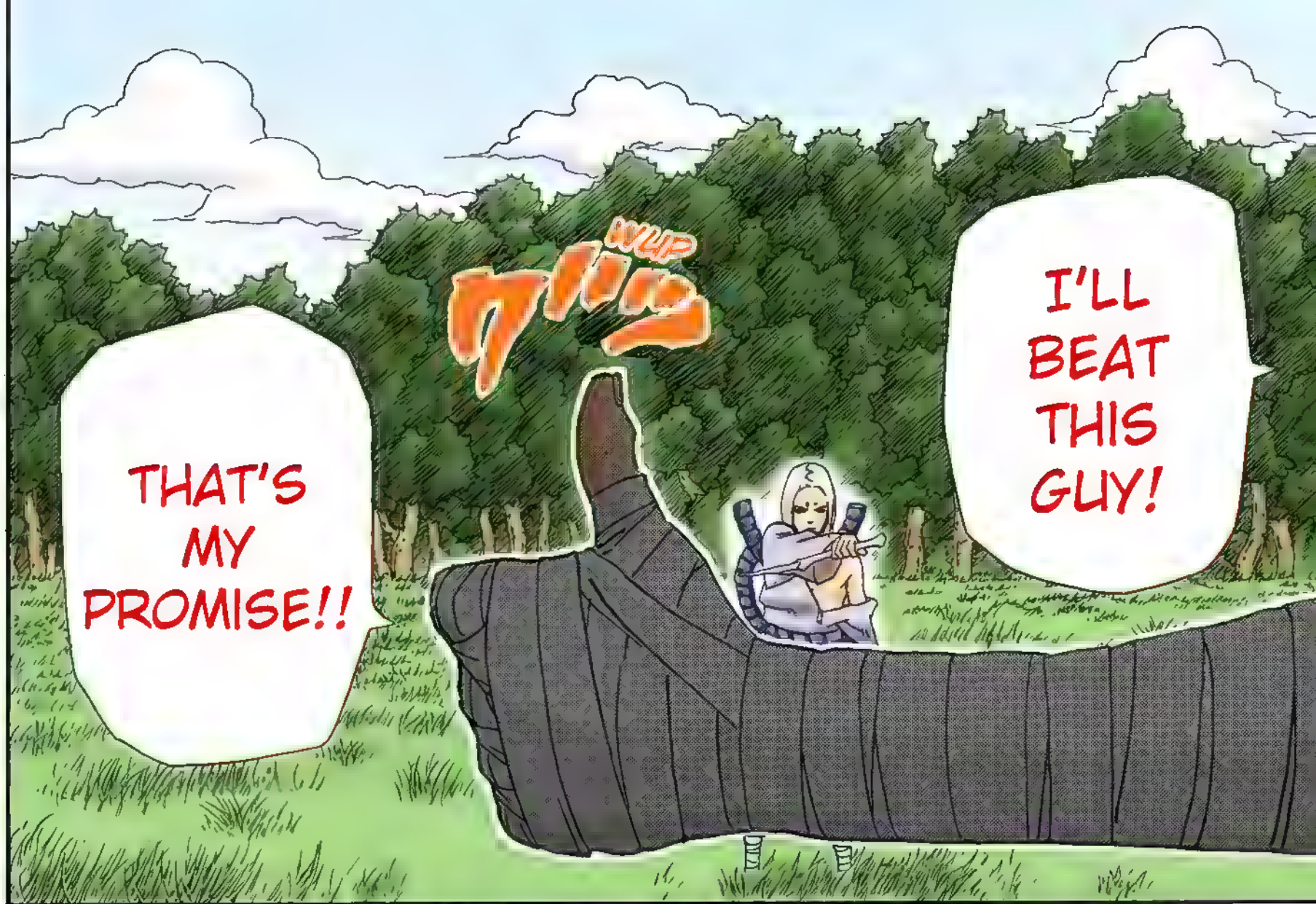
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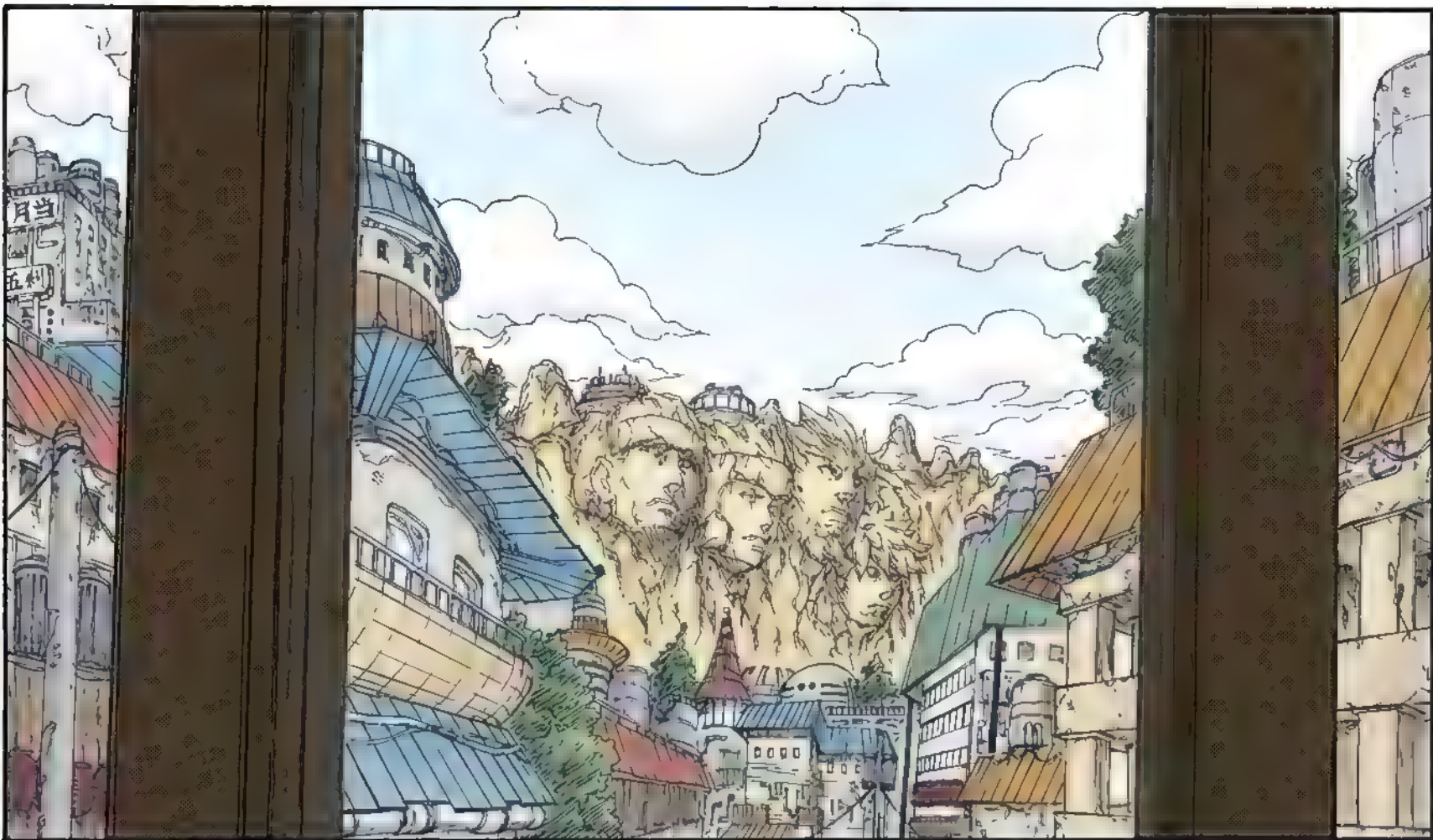
210: リーの秘密!!













WE SHOULD THROW TOGETHER A TEAM OF JONIN AND SEND THEM IN AS BACKUP...

I MEAN, GRANTED, WE WERE COMING OFF A MISSION, AND OUT OF CHAKRA...

BUT LOOK WHAT HAPPENED TO US JONIN.

AGAINST FOES LIKE THAT... A HANDFUL OF GENIN WON'T DO.

BUT MAN... IF IT WAS SASUKE INSIDE THAT CASKET...

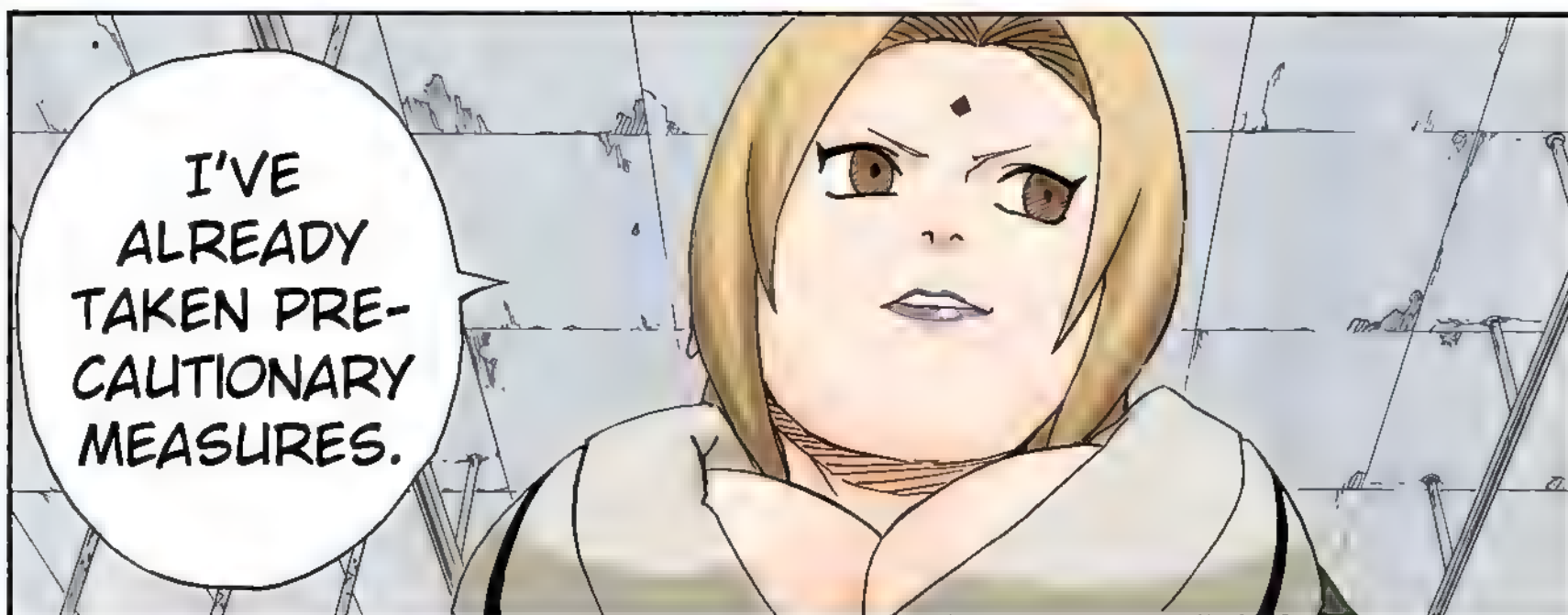
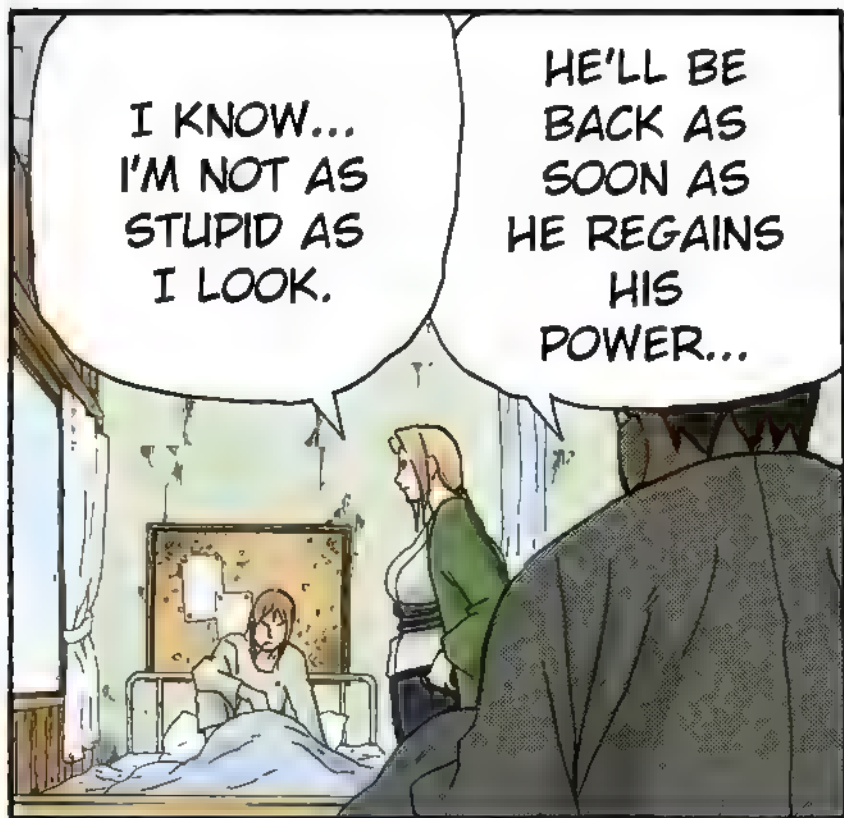
RIGHT NOW OUR PRIORITY IS AVOIDING WAR WITH THE OTHER NATIONS.

EVEN IF THE SHARINGAN WERE TO FALL INTO OROCHIMARU'S HANDS...

AFTER OROCHIMARU'S ATTACK, KONOHA HAS LOST ITS MANDATE AS A PRINCIPAL TERRITORY.

WE CAN'T DO THAT...

YOU KNOW THE SITUATION. ALL OUR JONIN AND CHUNIN ARE BEING MOBILIZED TO NIP POTENTIAL DANGERS IN THE BUD AT HOME AND ABROAD...



**WHAT
ABOUT
LEE?!
HOW IS
HE?!
TELL ME!!**

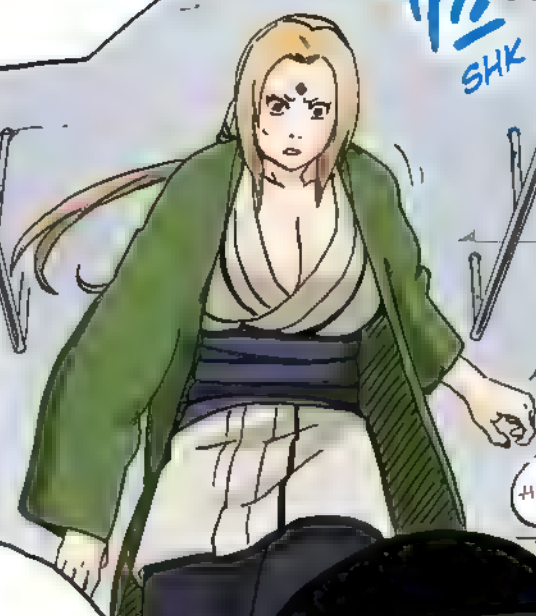
**BUT
NEVER
MIND
THAT!!**

DID YOU!
SUCCEED?

GLY?!
WHAT
HAPPENED
TO YOU?



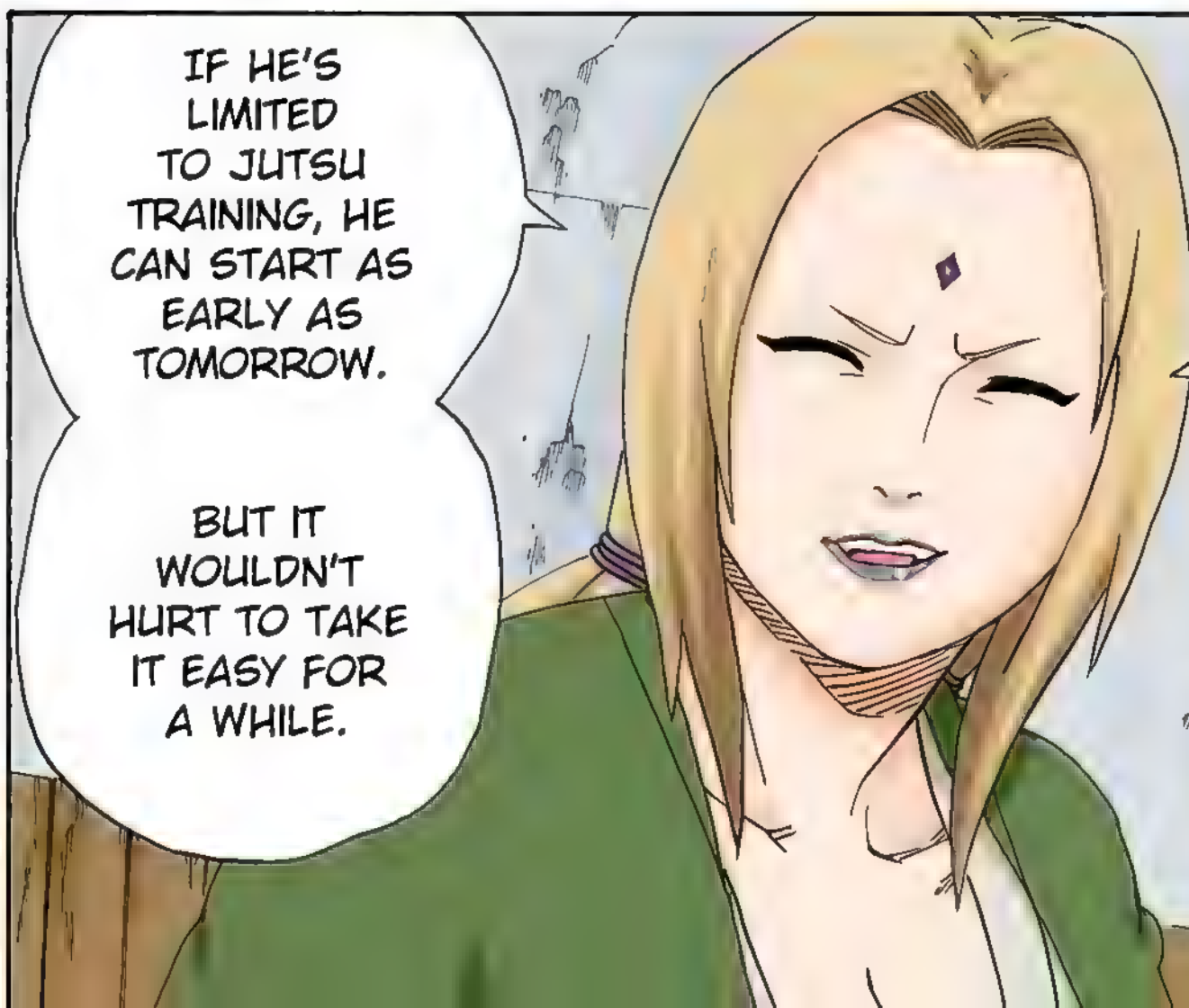
NO, I...
I TOOK CARE
OF IT. AND...
RAN STRAIGHT
BACK... IT WAS
ALL I COULD
DO!!

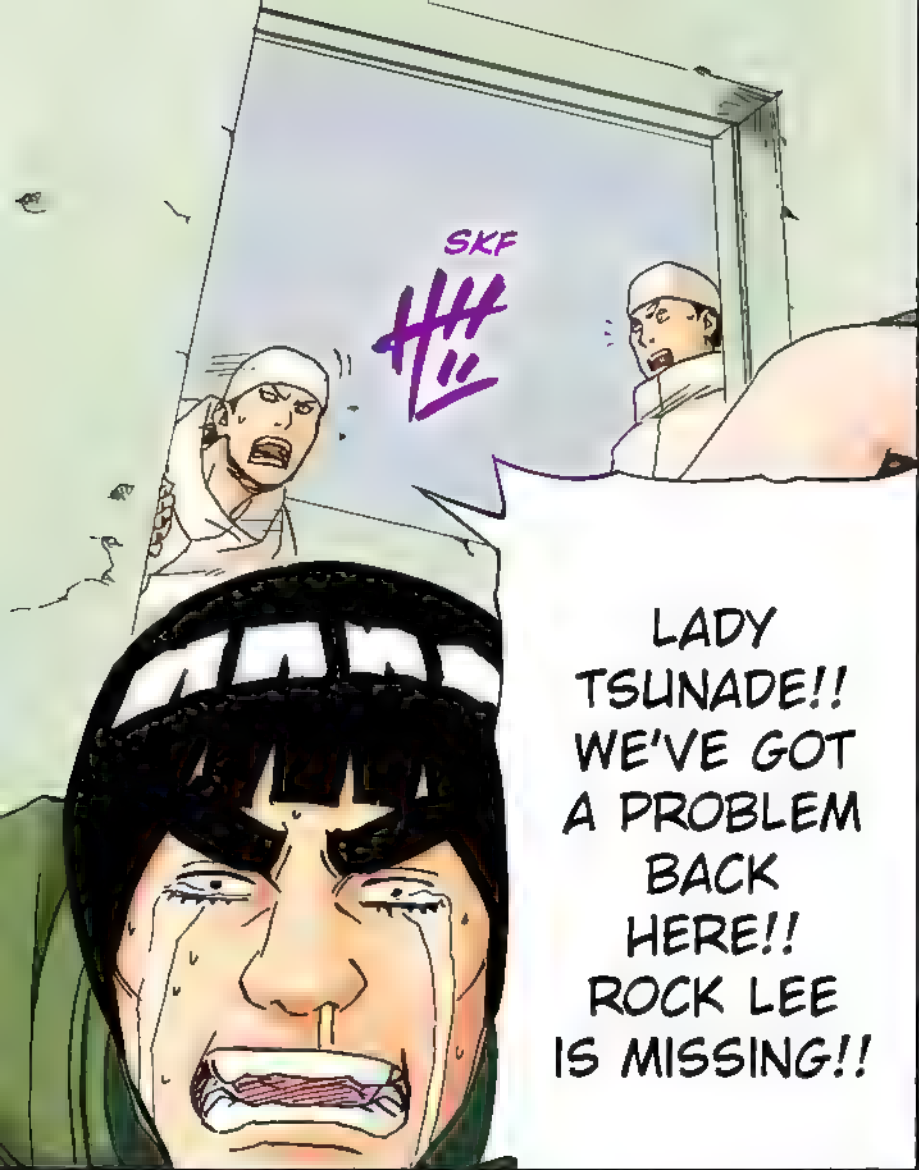


IF HE'S
LIMITED
TO JUTSU
TRAINING, HE
CAN START AS
EARLY AS
TOMORROW.

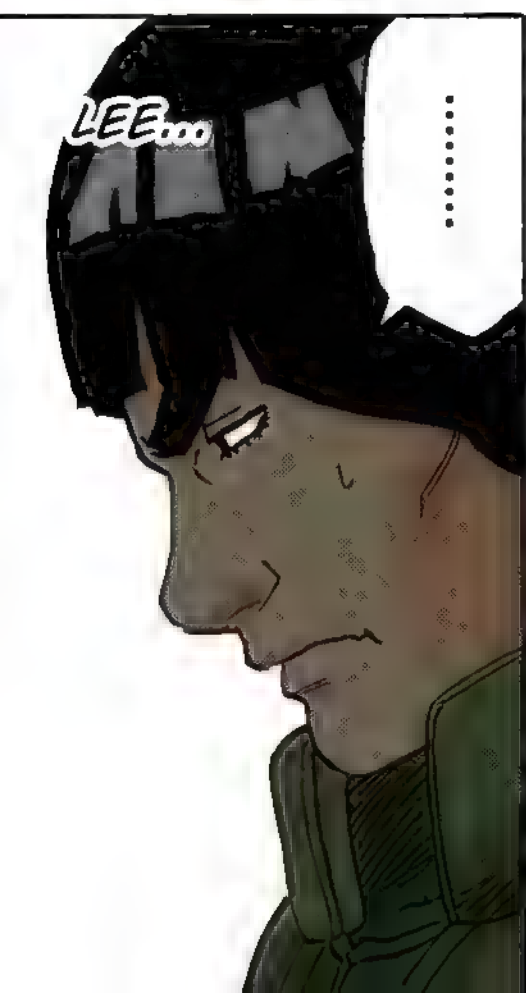
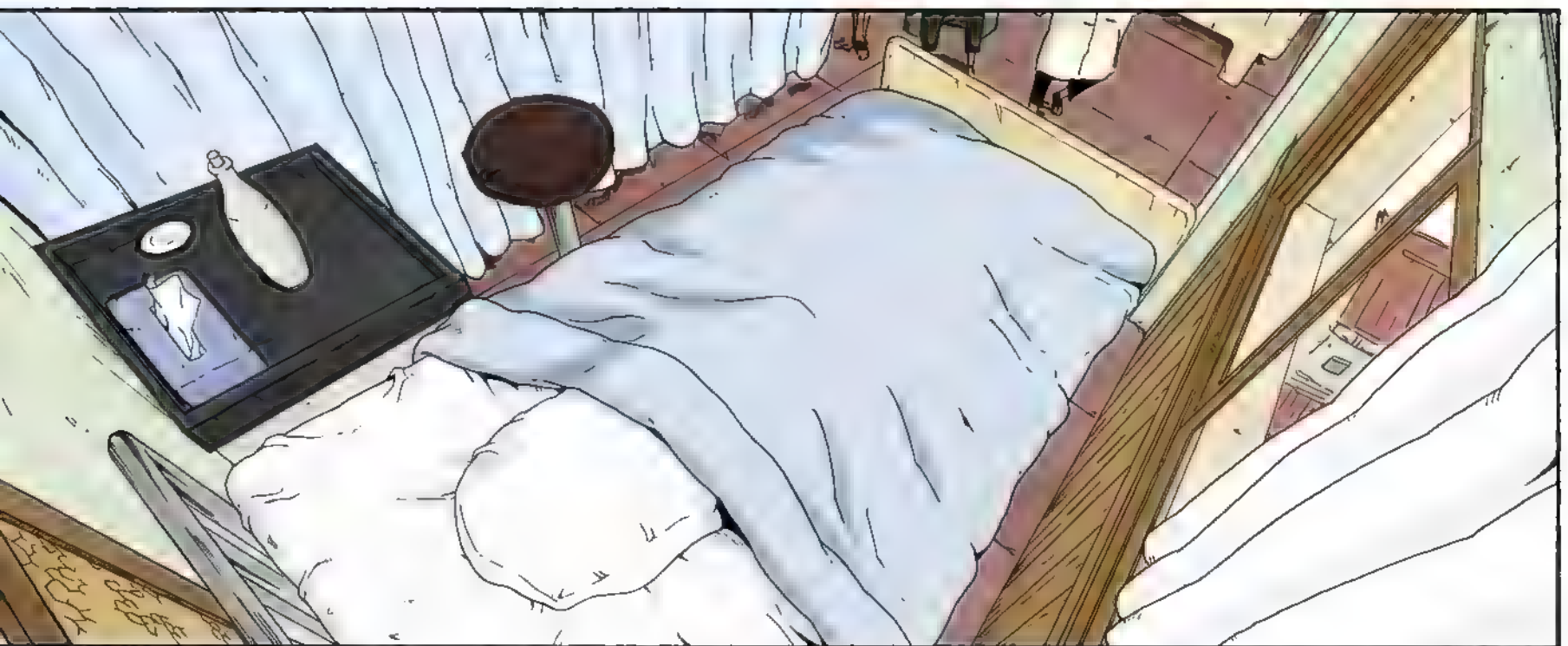
BUT IT
WOULDN'T
HURT TO TAKE
IT EASY FOR
A WHILE.

HIS
SURGERY
WAS A
SUCCESS.





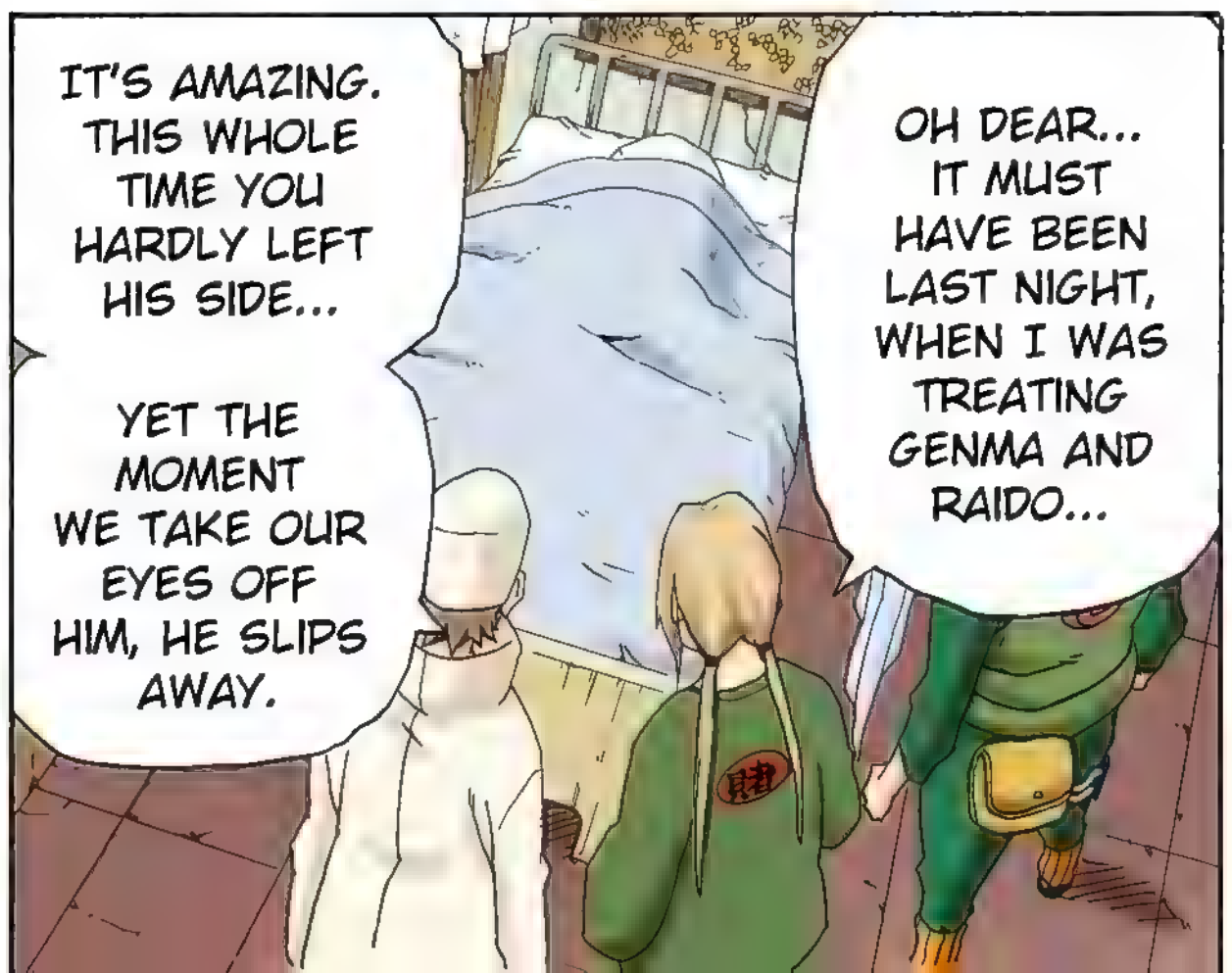
LADY
TSUNADE!!
WE'VE GOT
A PROBLEM
BACK
HERE!!
ROCK LEE
IS MISSING!!

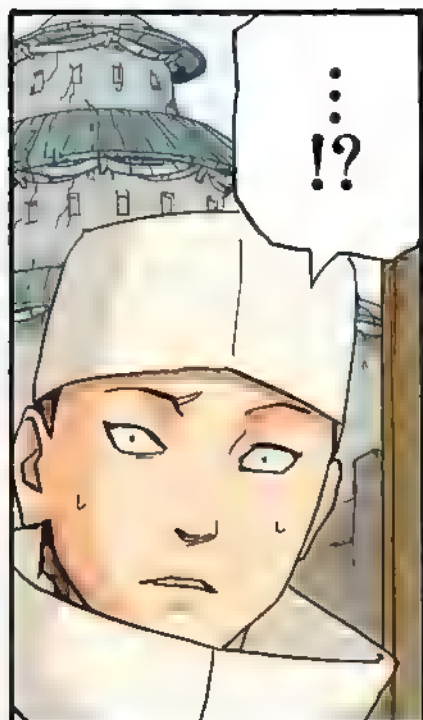


IT'S AMAZING.
THIS WHOLE
TIME YOU
HARDLY LEFT
HIS SIDE...

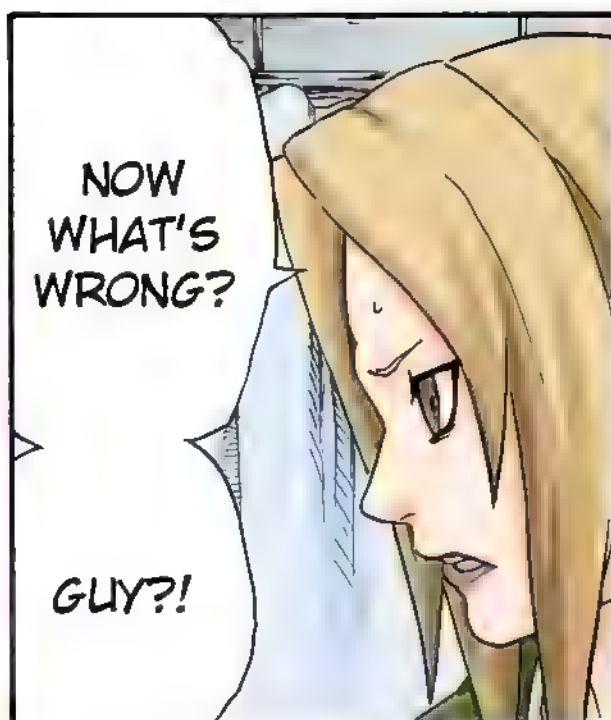
YET THE
MOMENT
WE TAKE OUR
EYES OFF
HIM, HE SLIPS
AWAY.

OH DEAR...
IT MUST
HAVE BEEN
LAST NIGHT,
WHEN I WAS
TREATING
GENMA AND
RAIDO...





...!
!?



NOW
WHAT'S
WRONG?

GUY?!



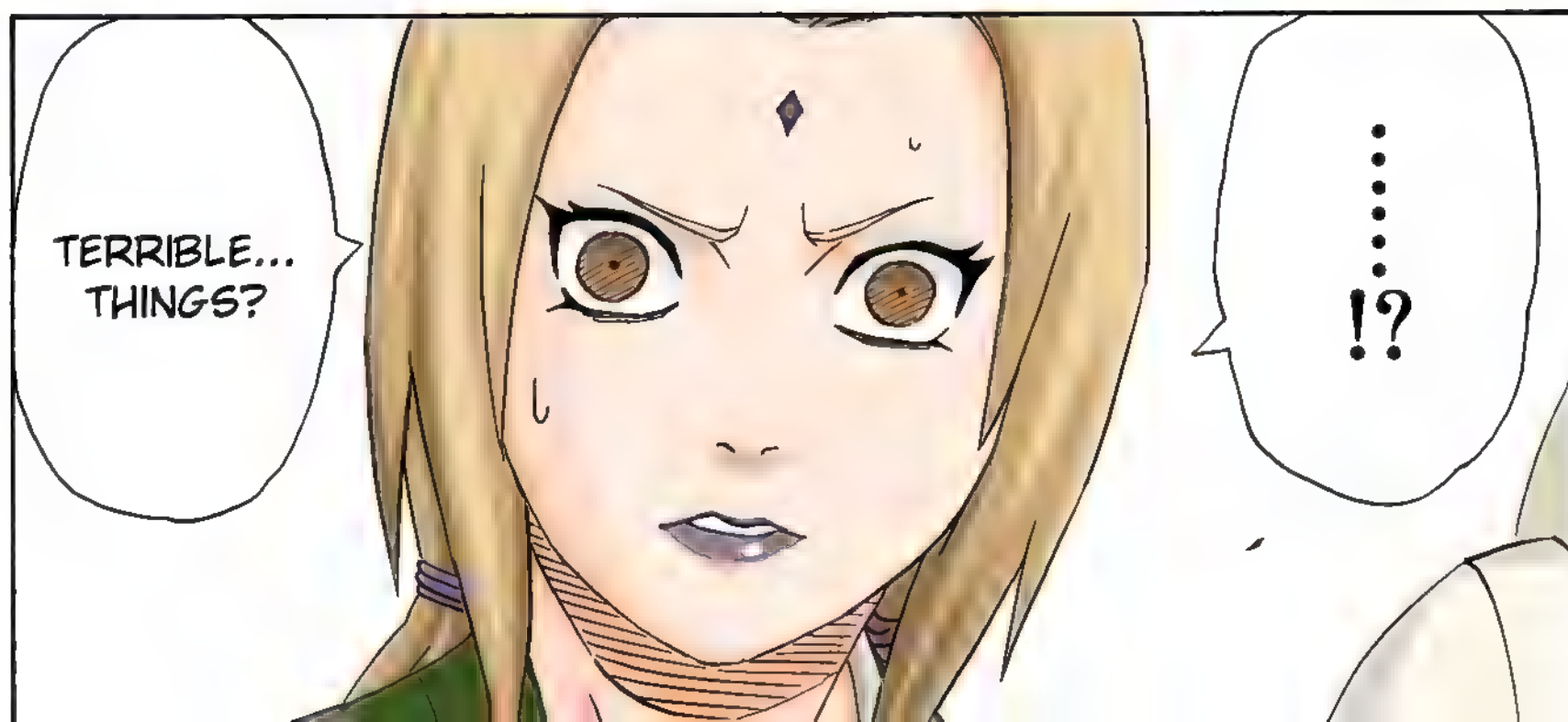
.....

TWITCH
70
70
70



IF HE
DRINKS EVEN
ONE DROP
OF YOUR
PRIVATE
POTION...

...TERRIBLE
THINGS
WILL
HAPPEN!

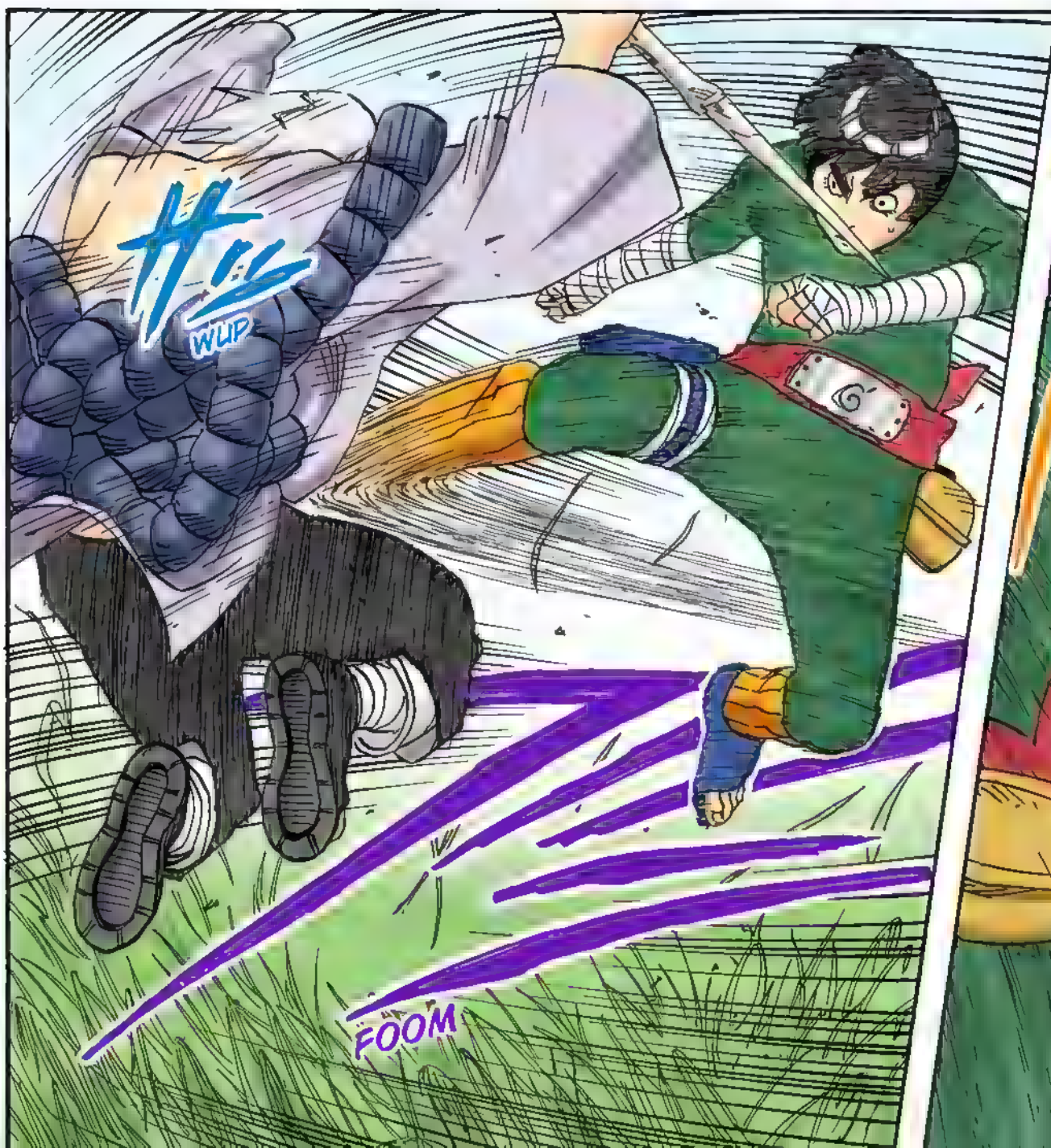
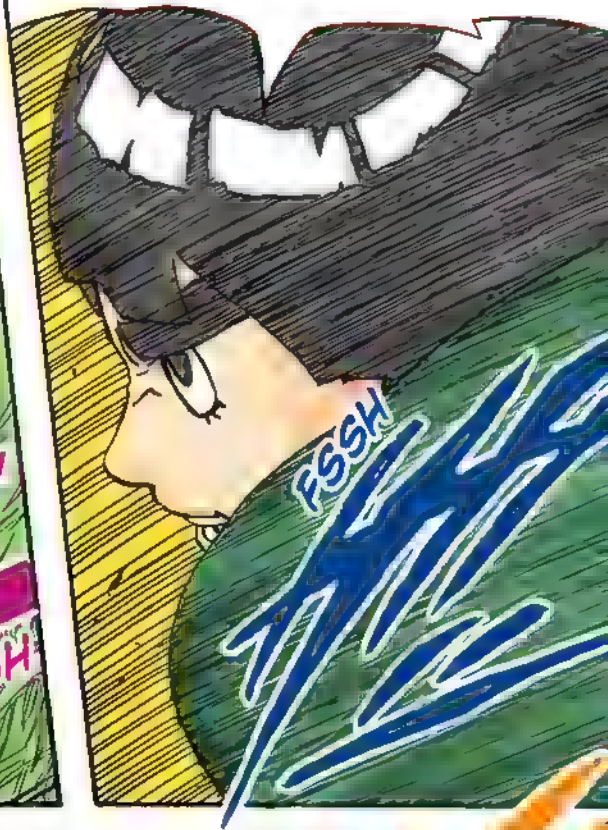


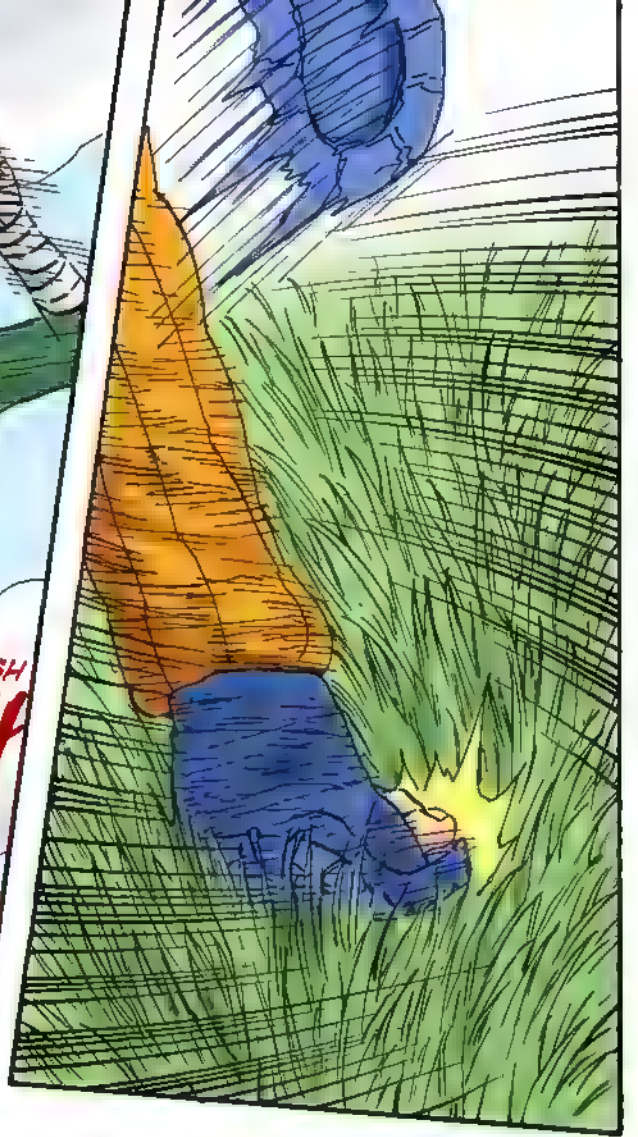
TERRIBLE...
THINGS?

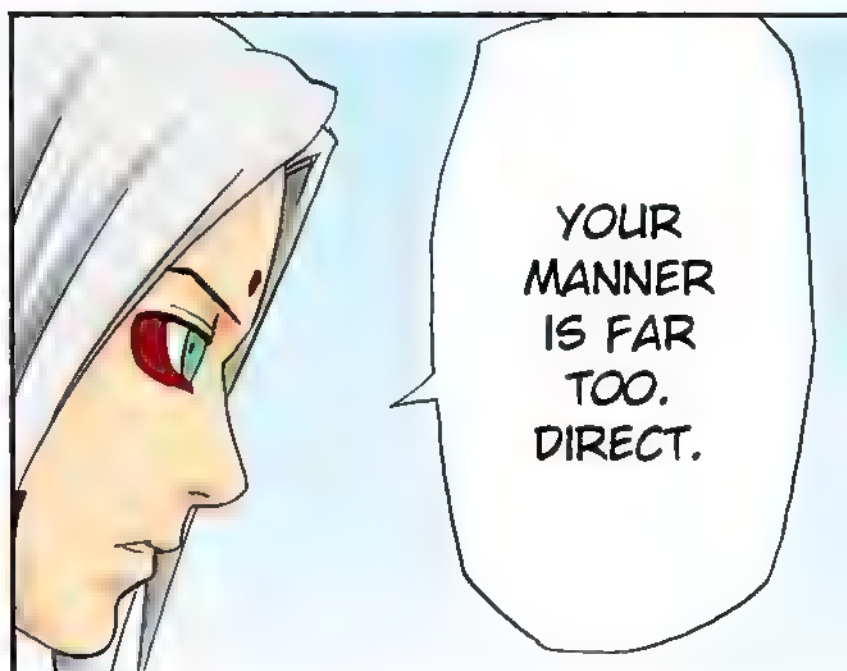
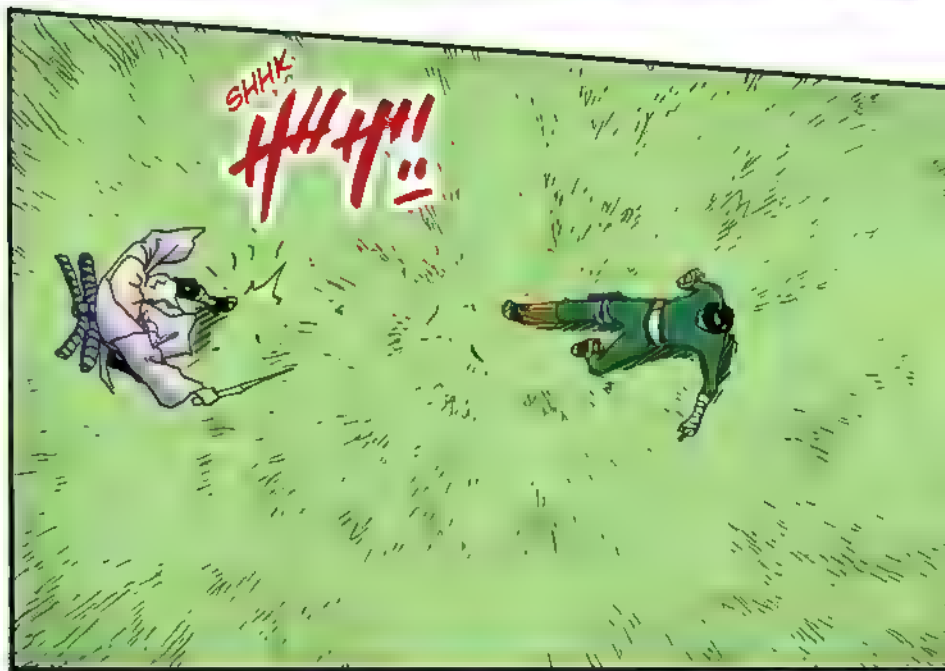
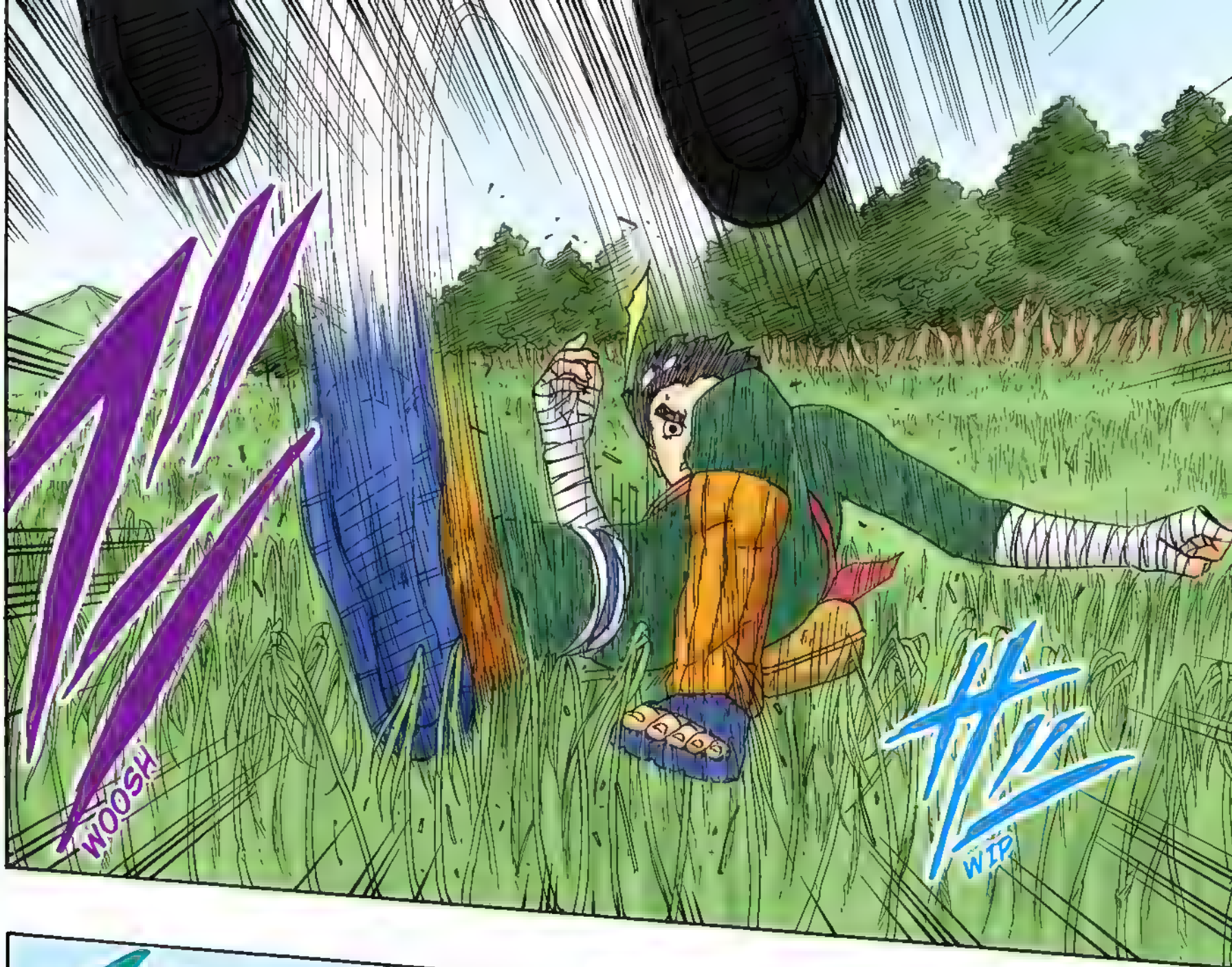
...!
!?

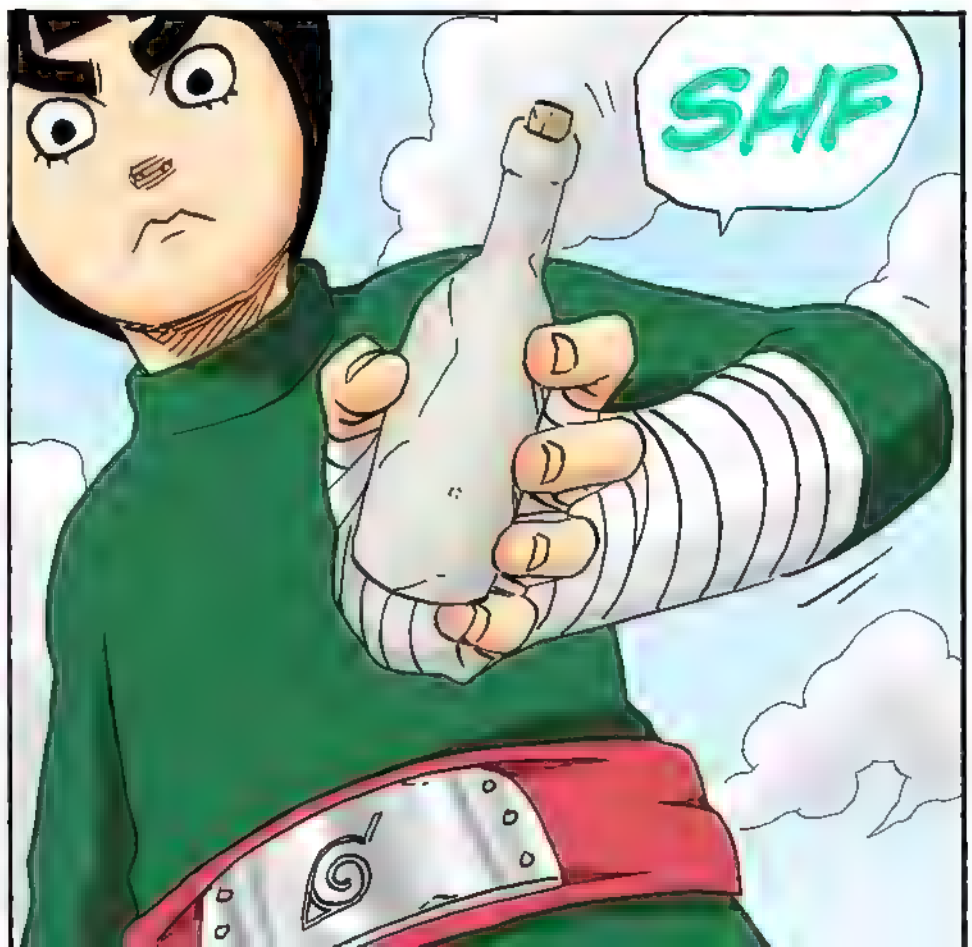
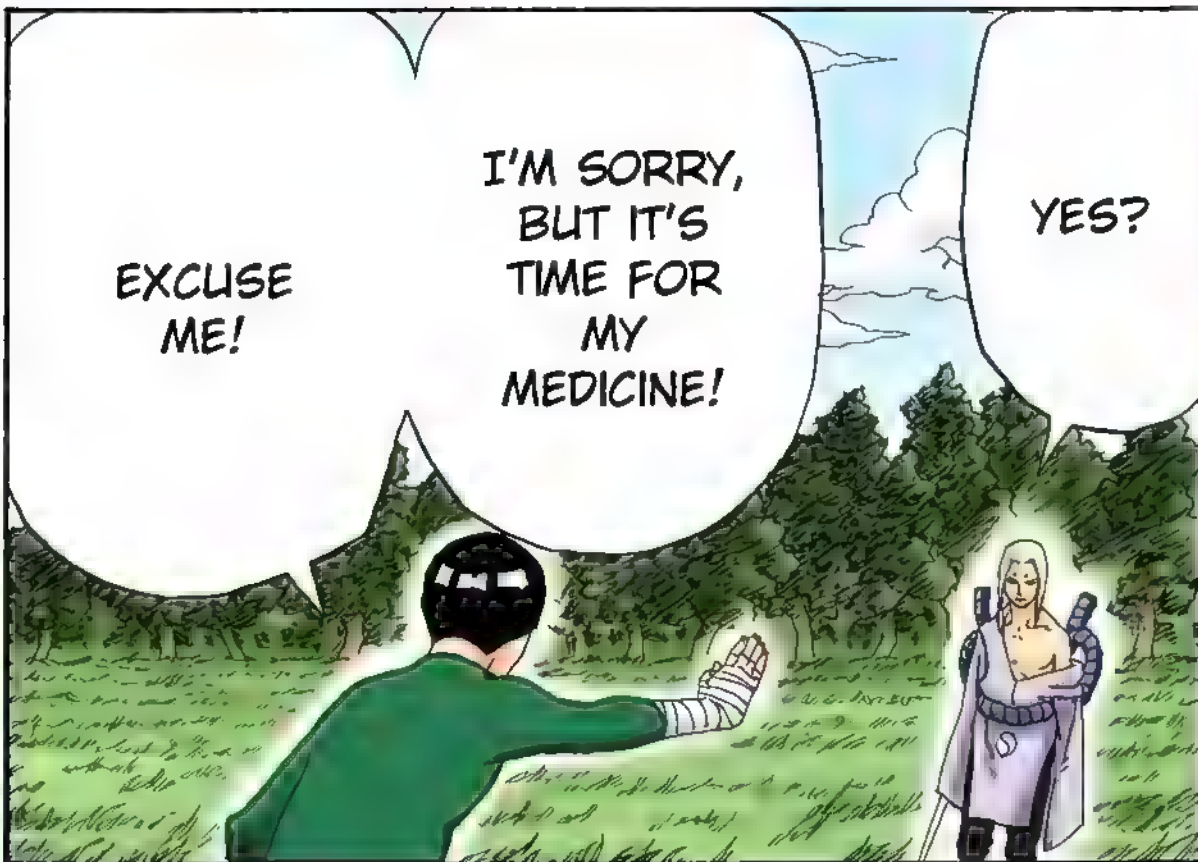
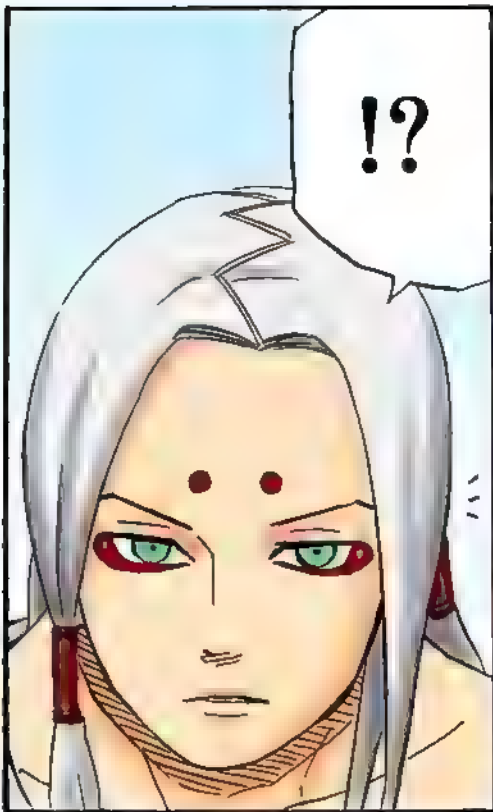


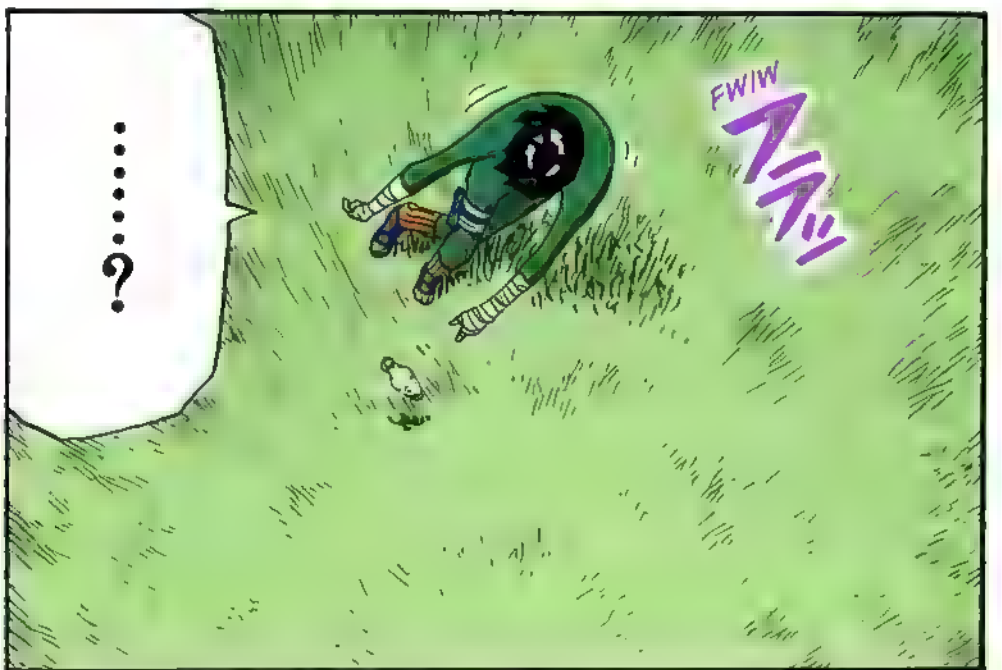
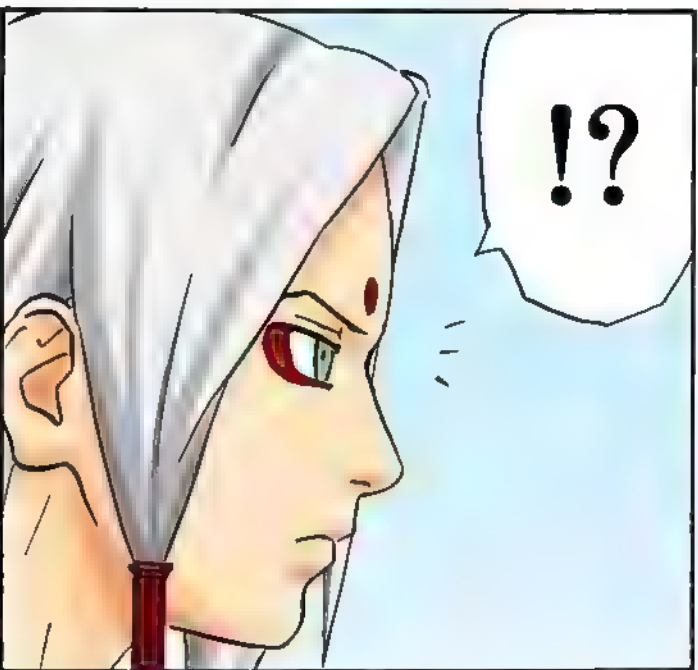
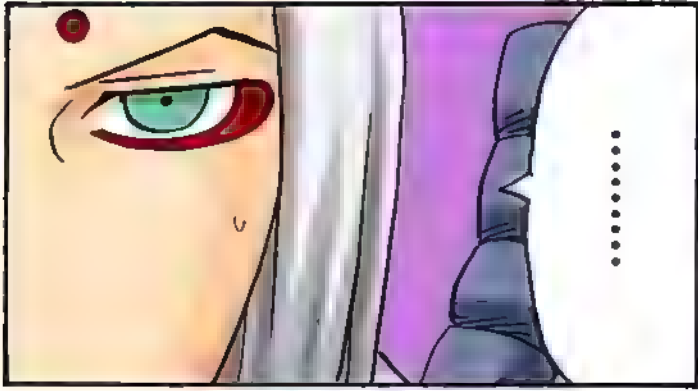
**KONOHA
DAISENPU!
KONOHA
GREAT
HURRICANE!!**

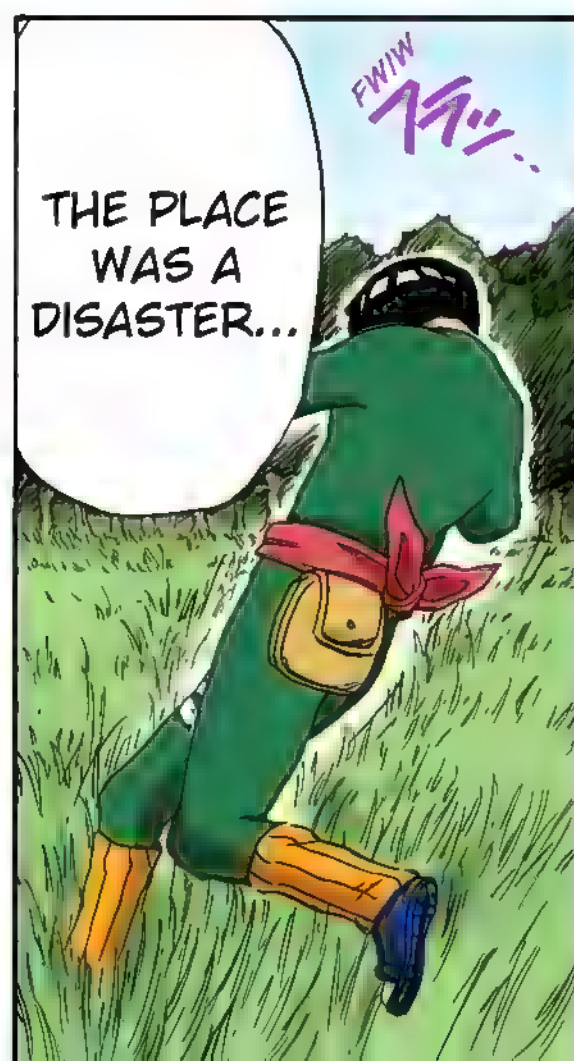
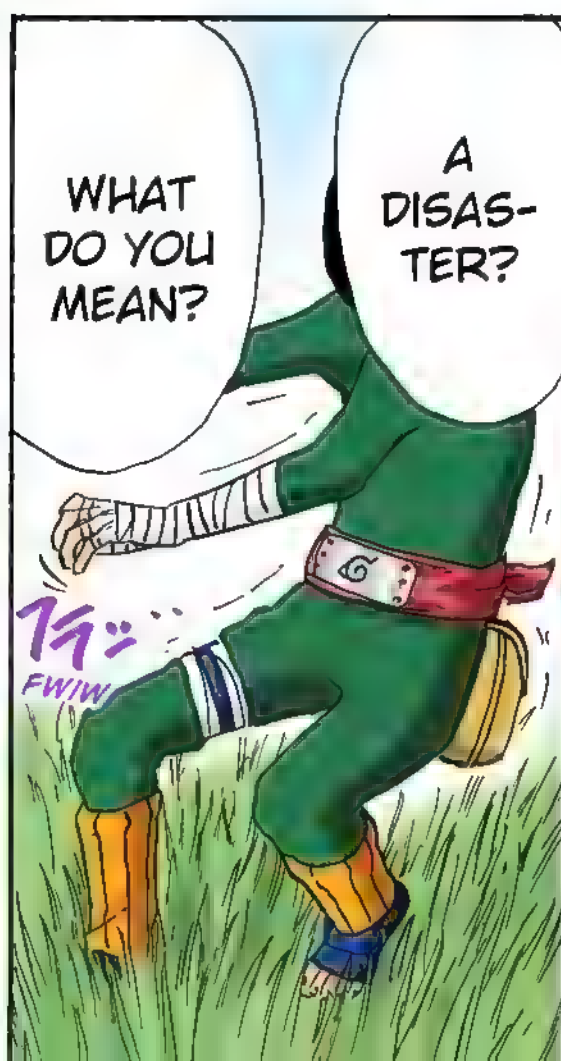
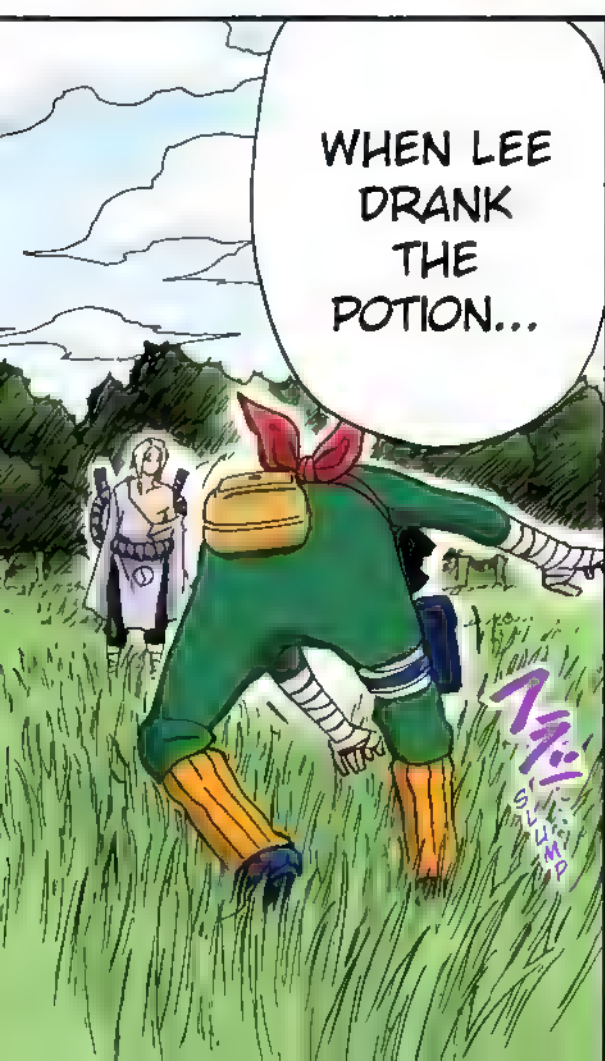
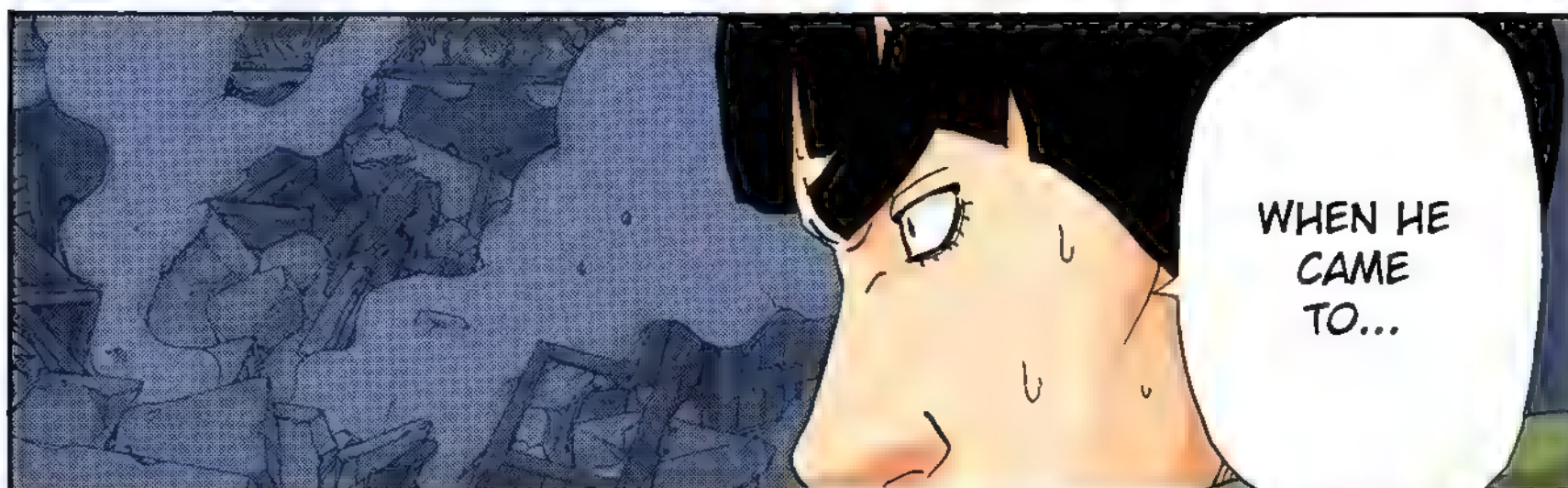
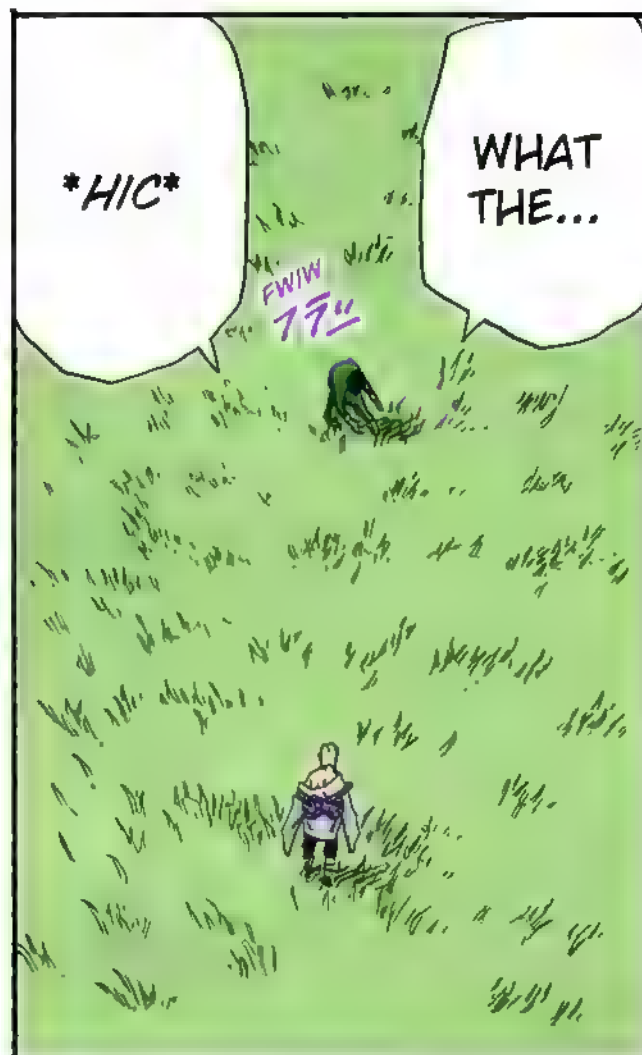








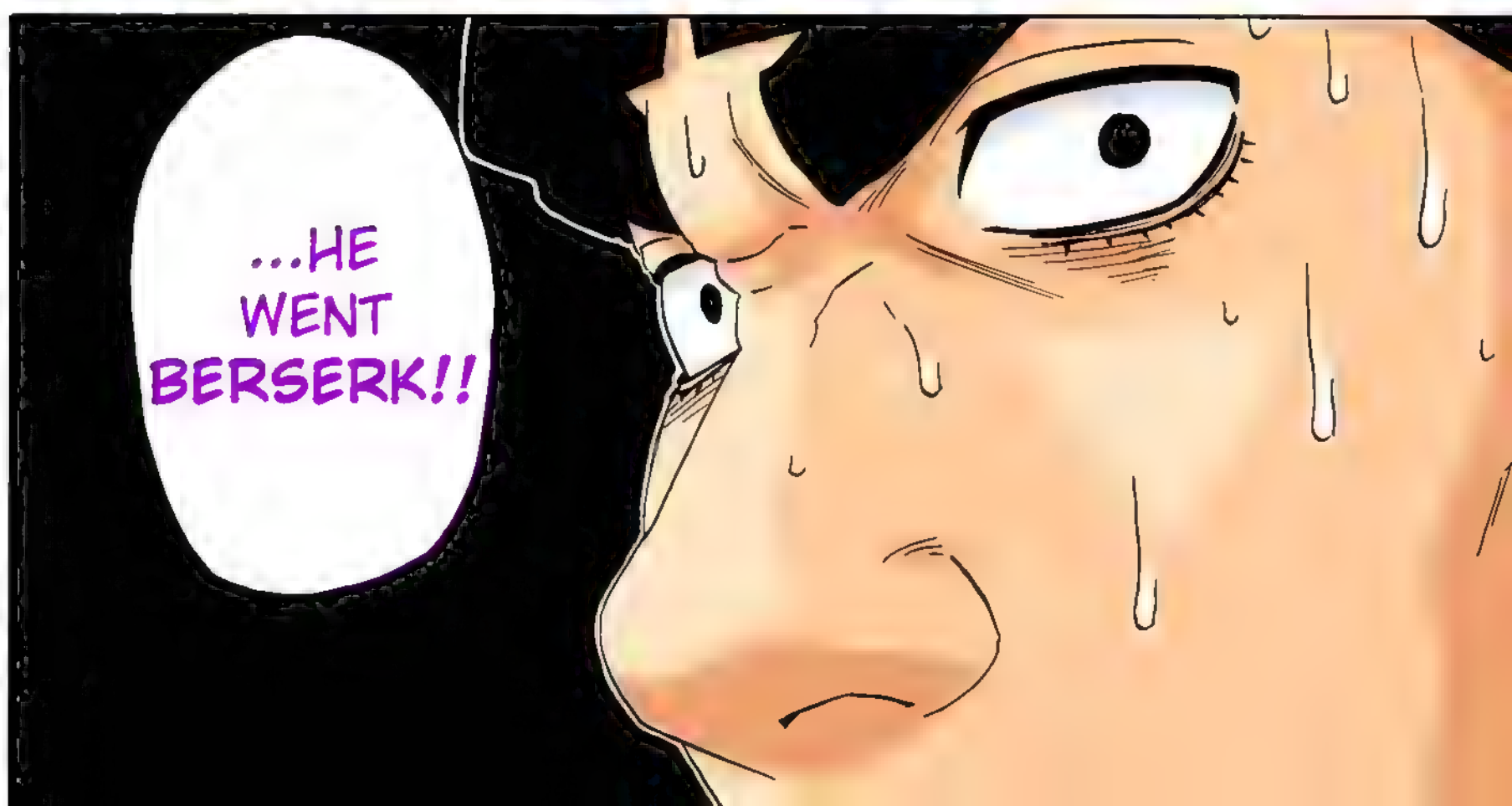




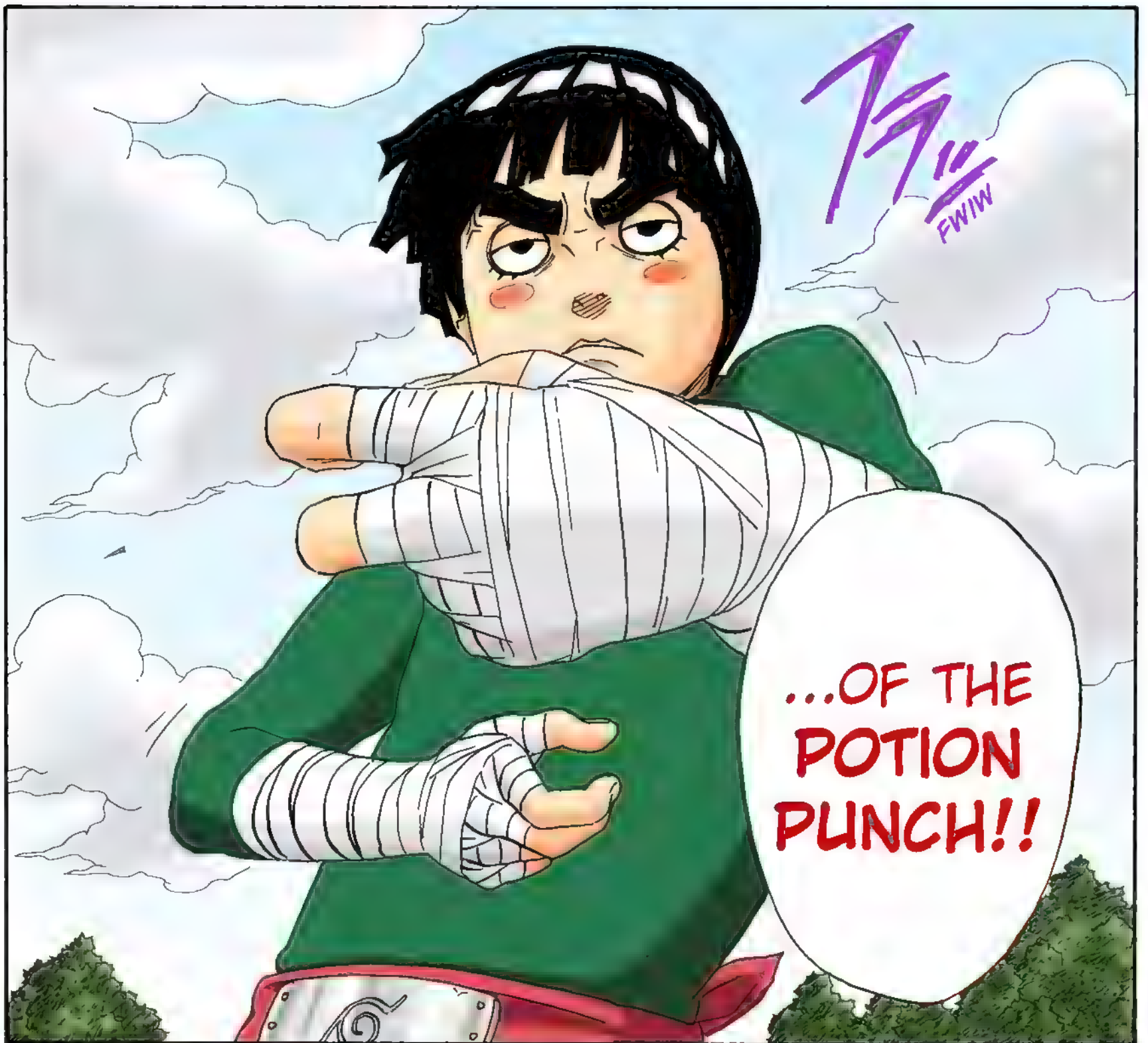
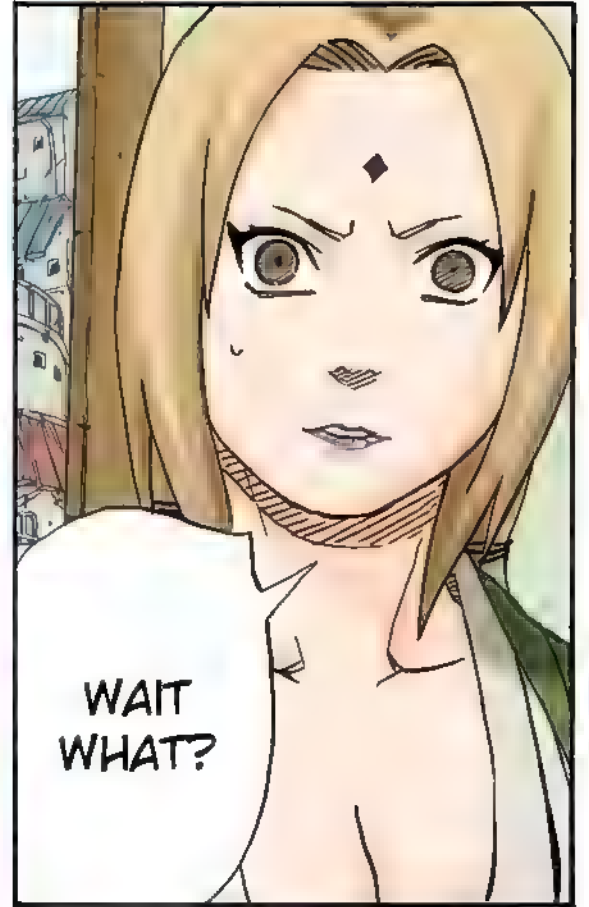
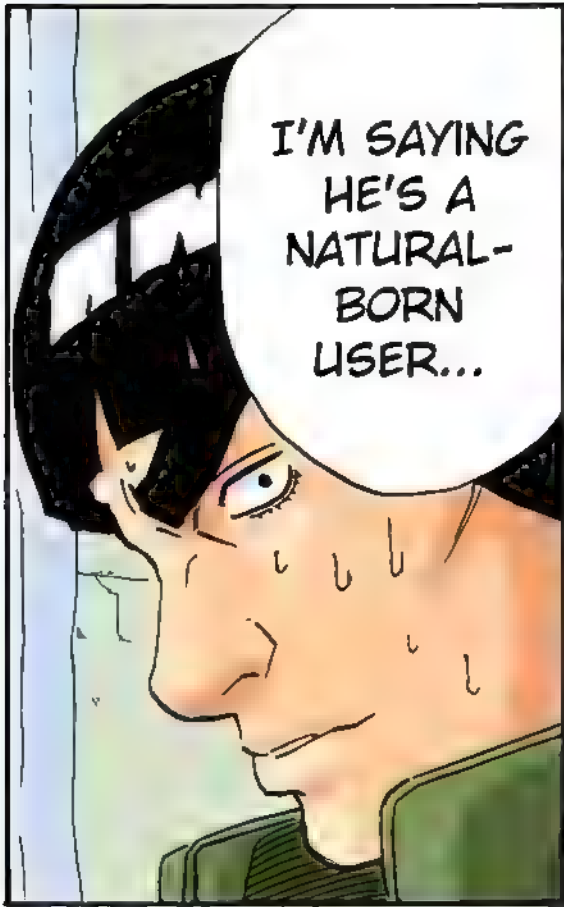


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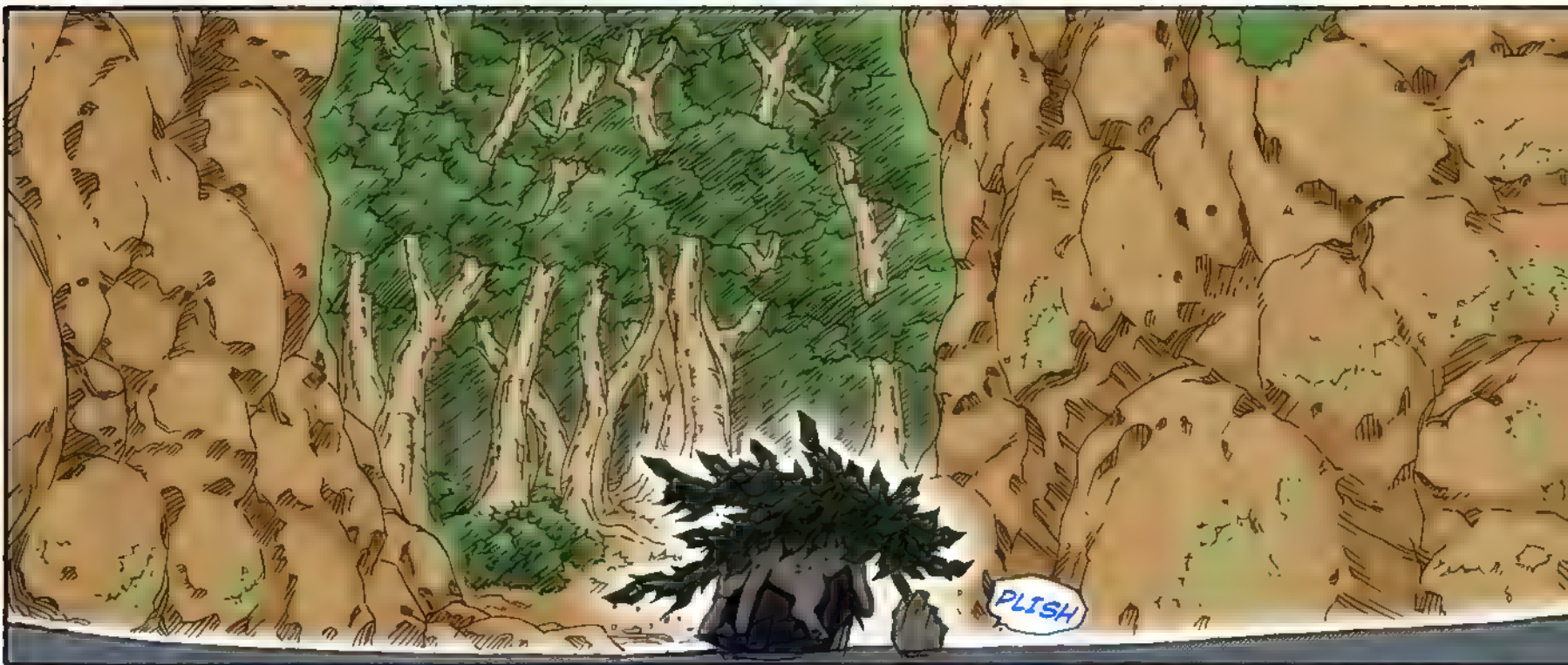
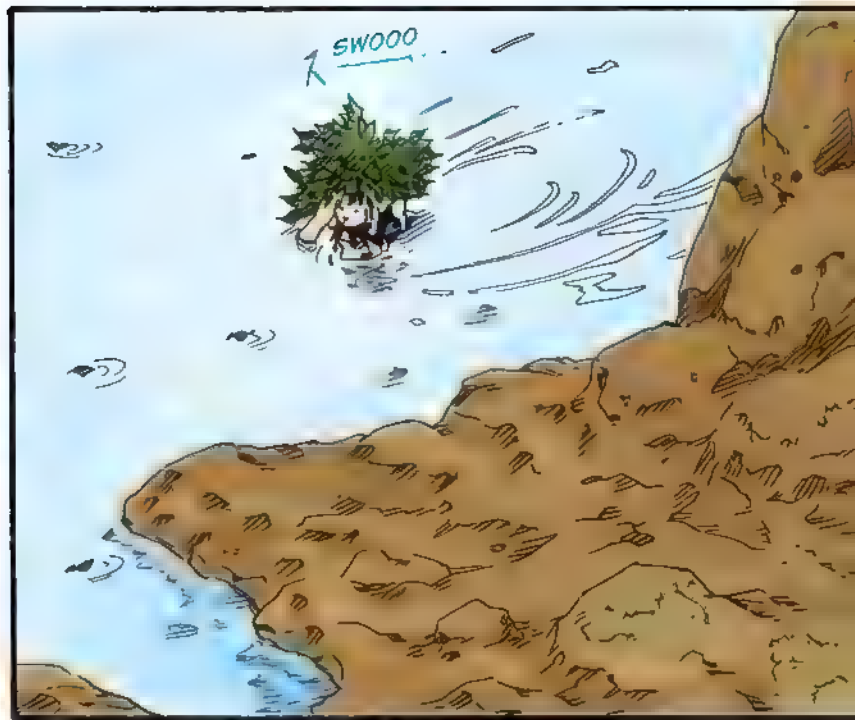
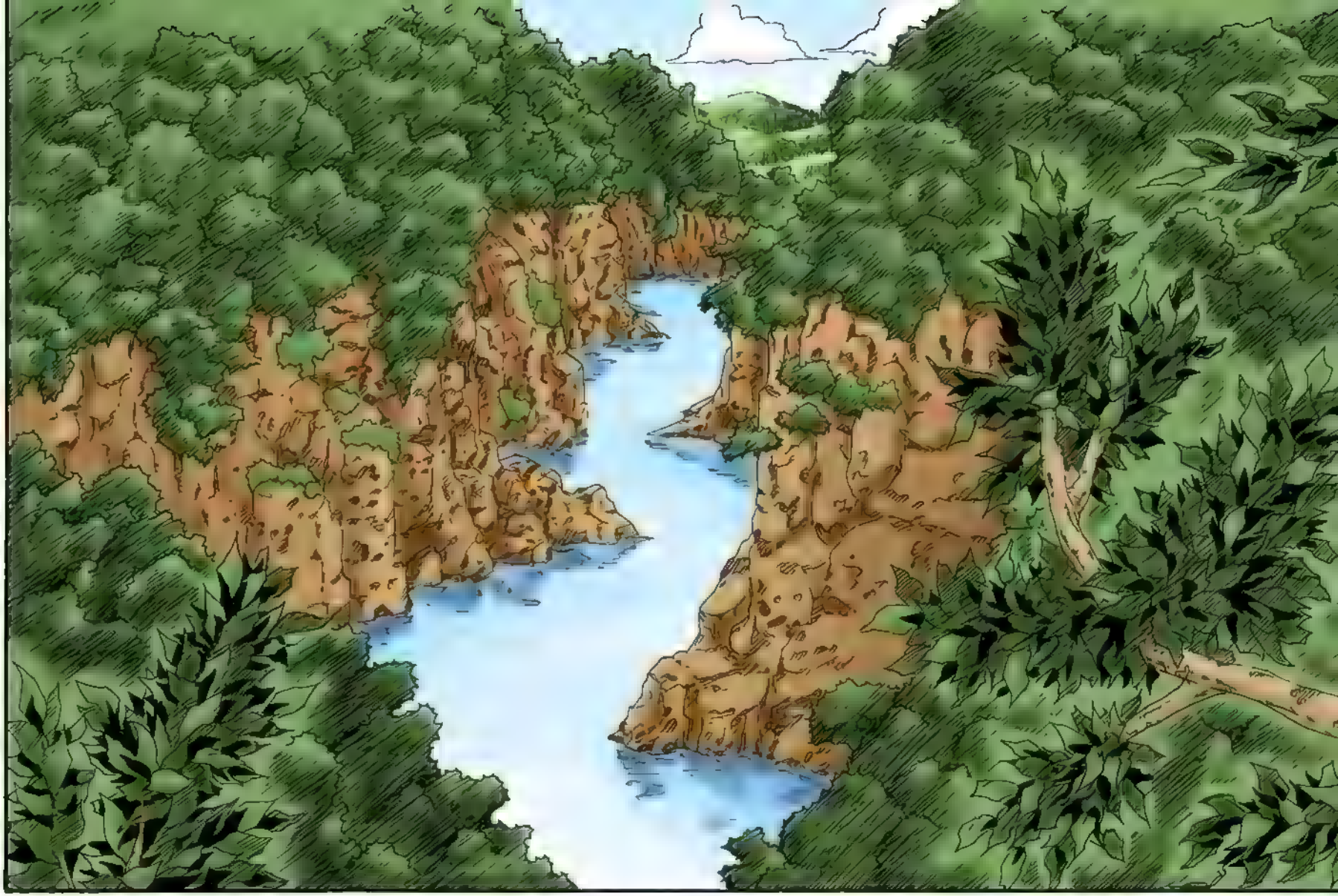
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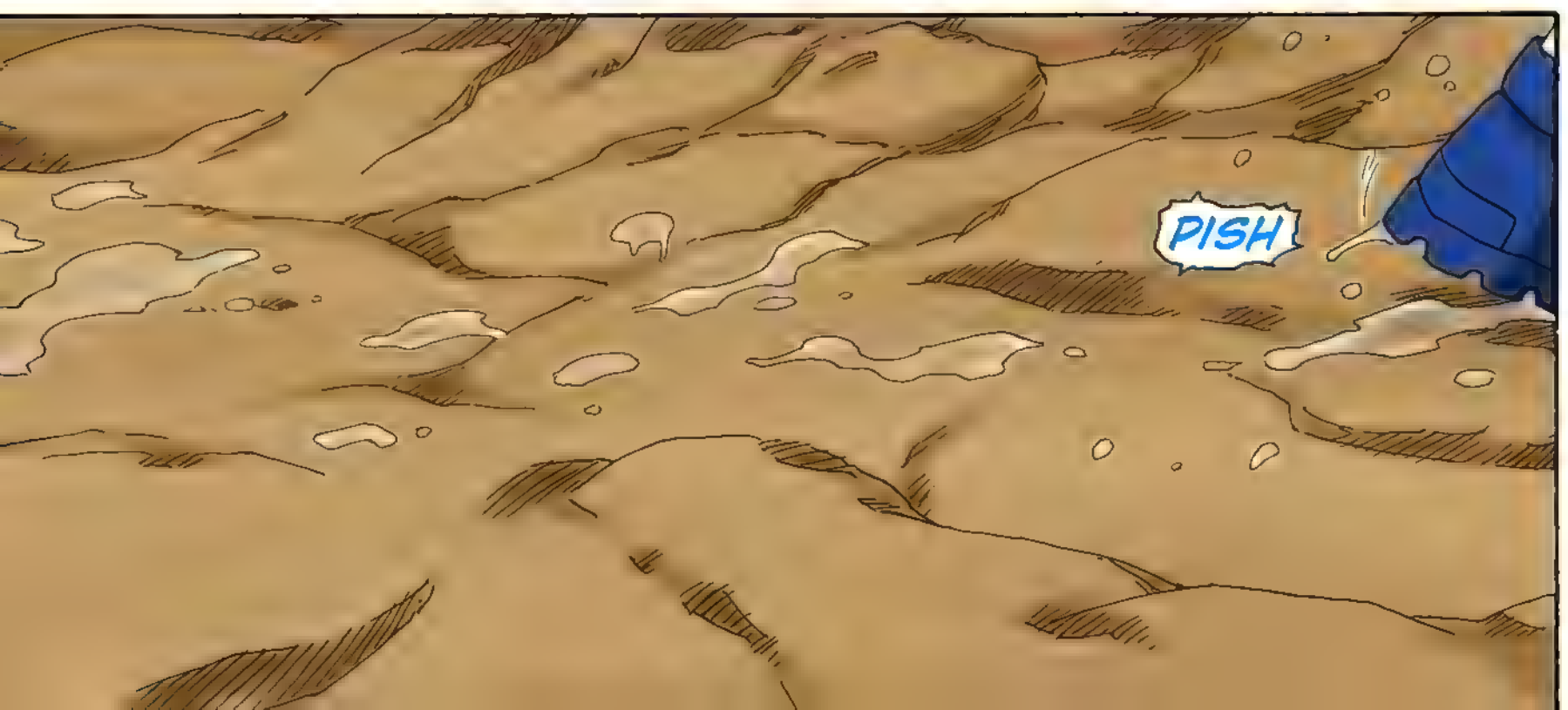
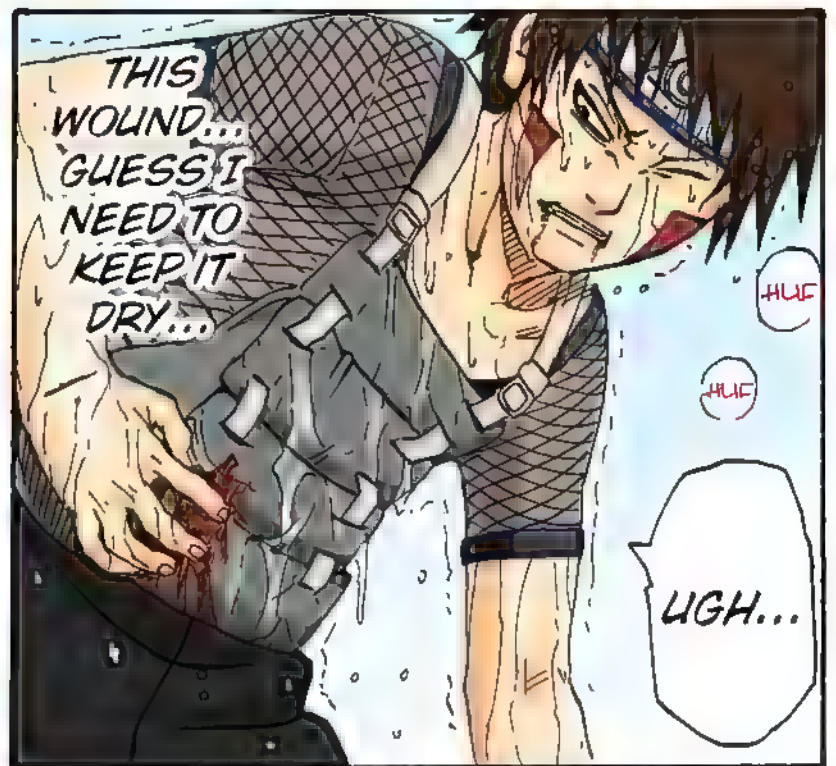
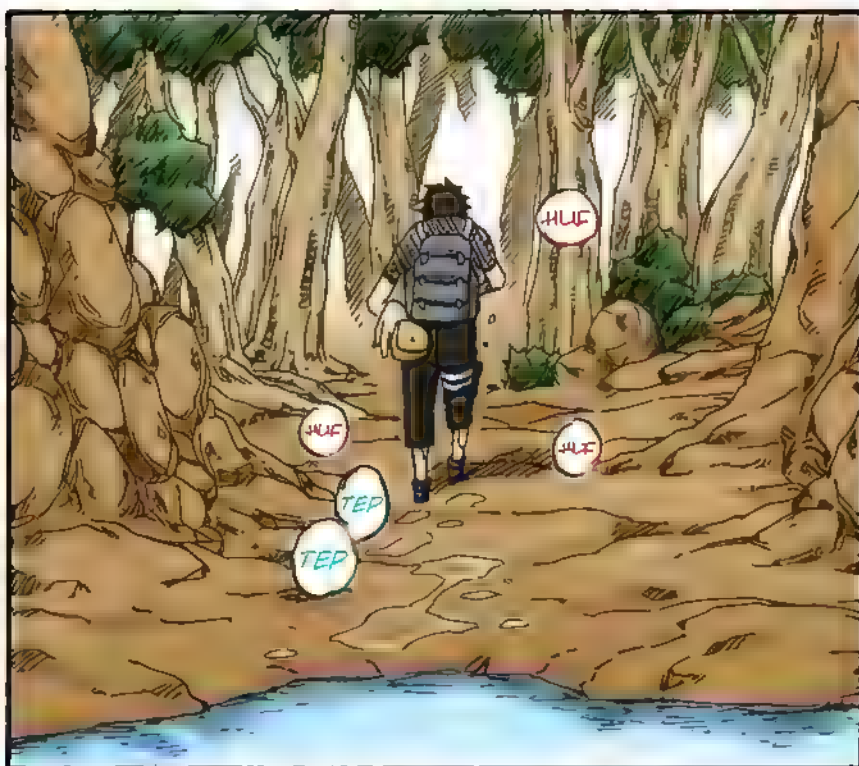
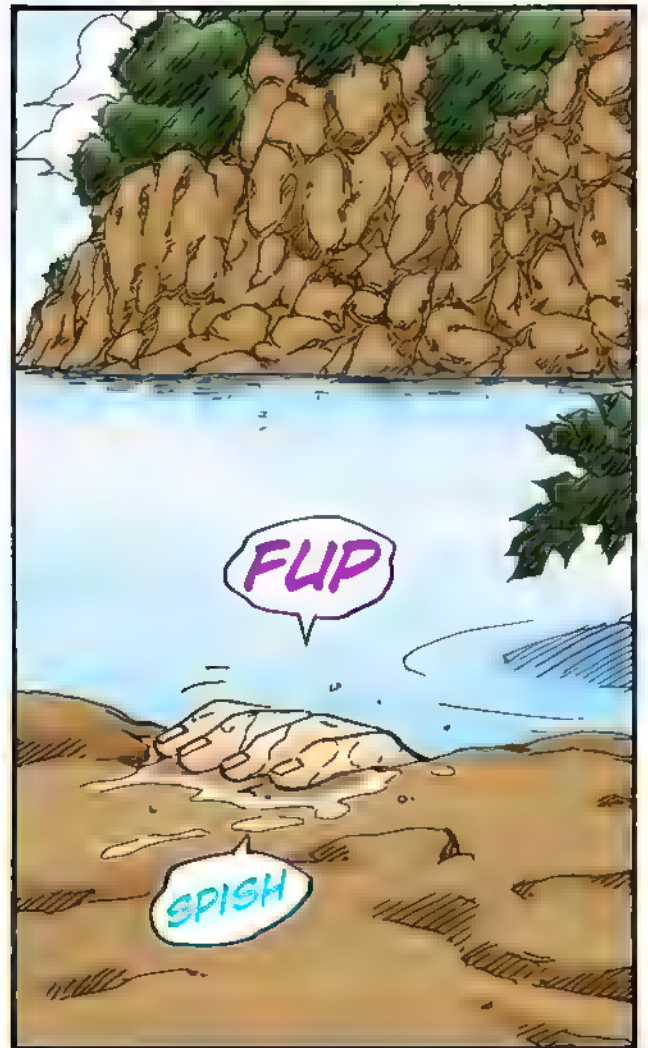
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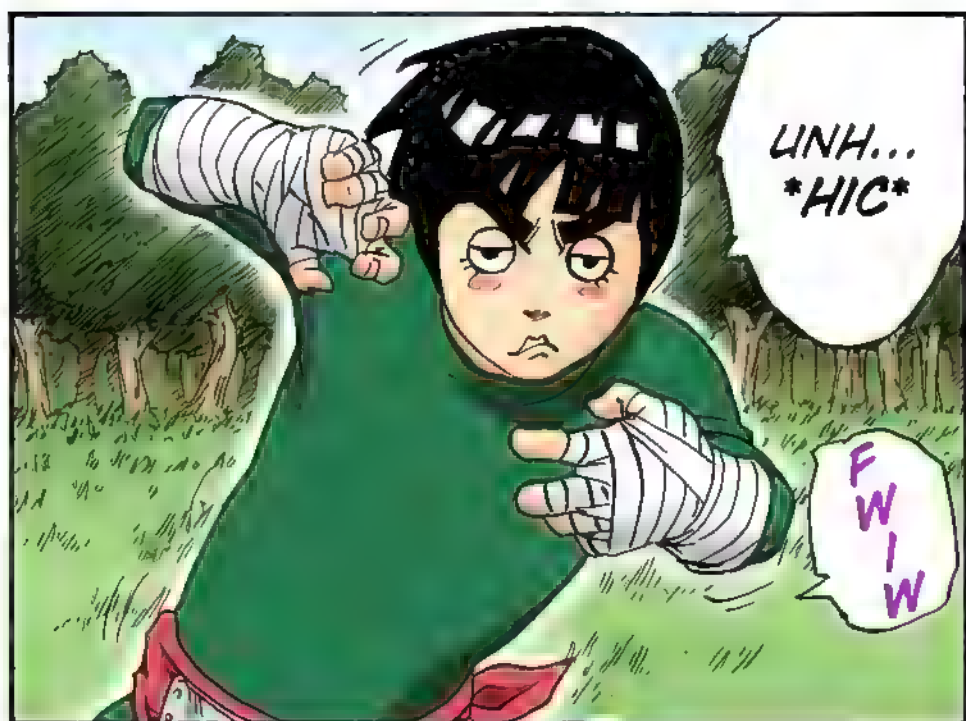
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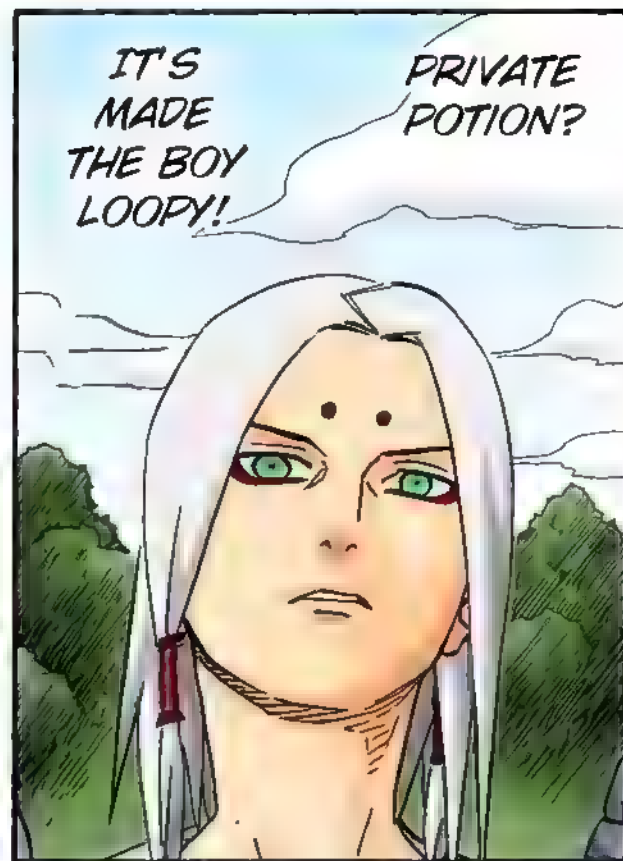


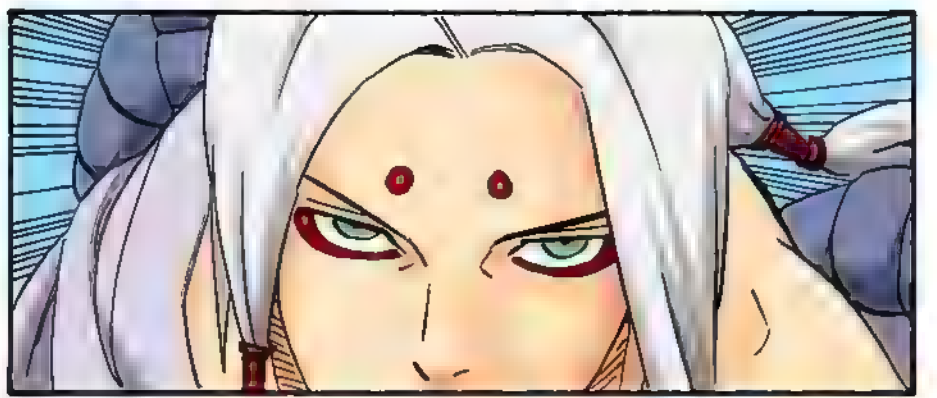
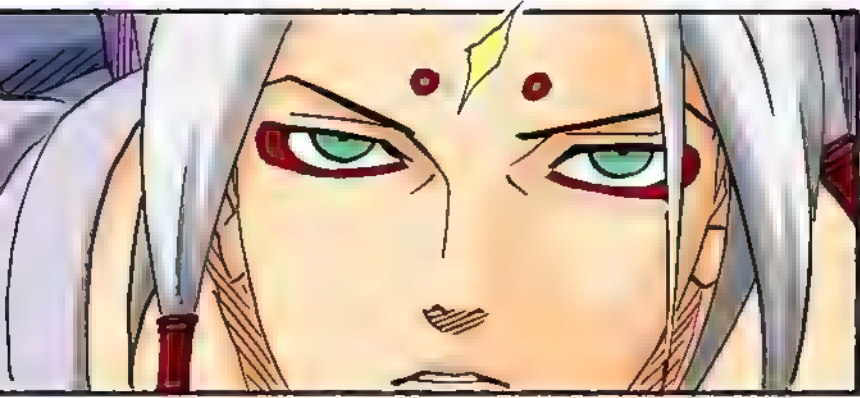
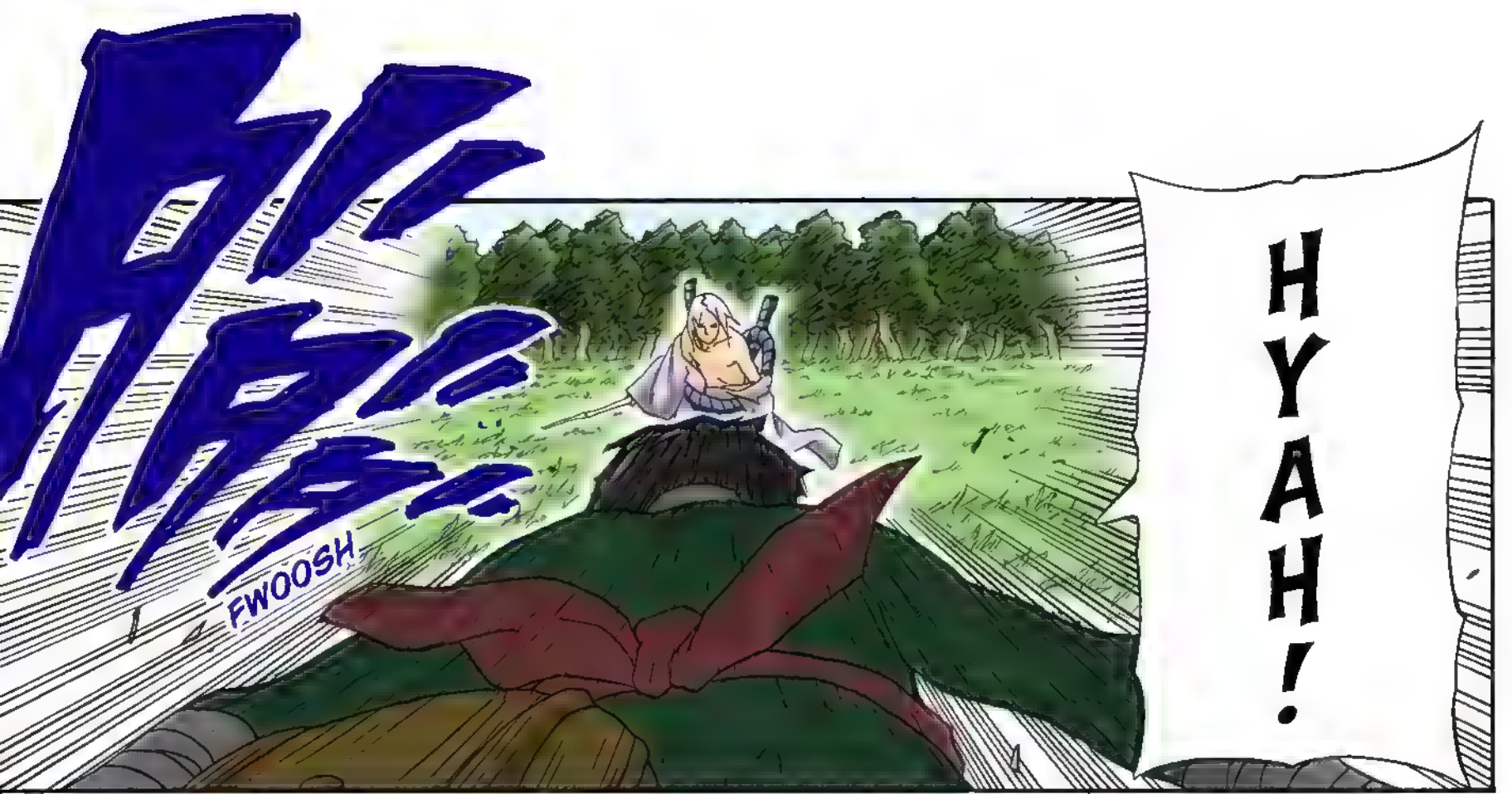


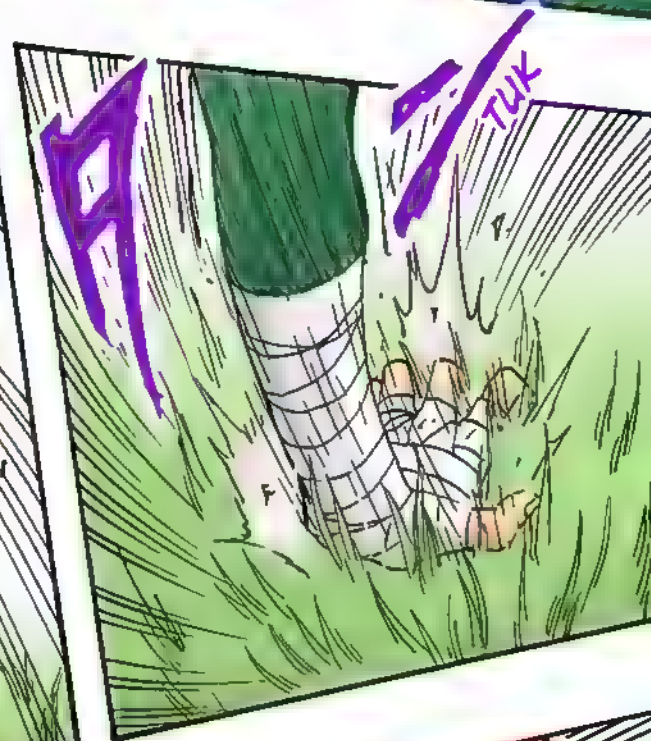
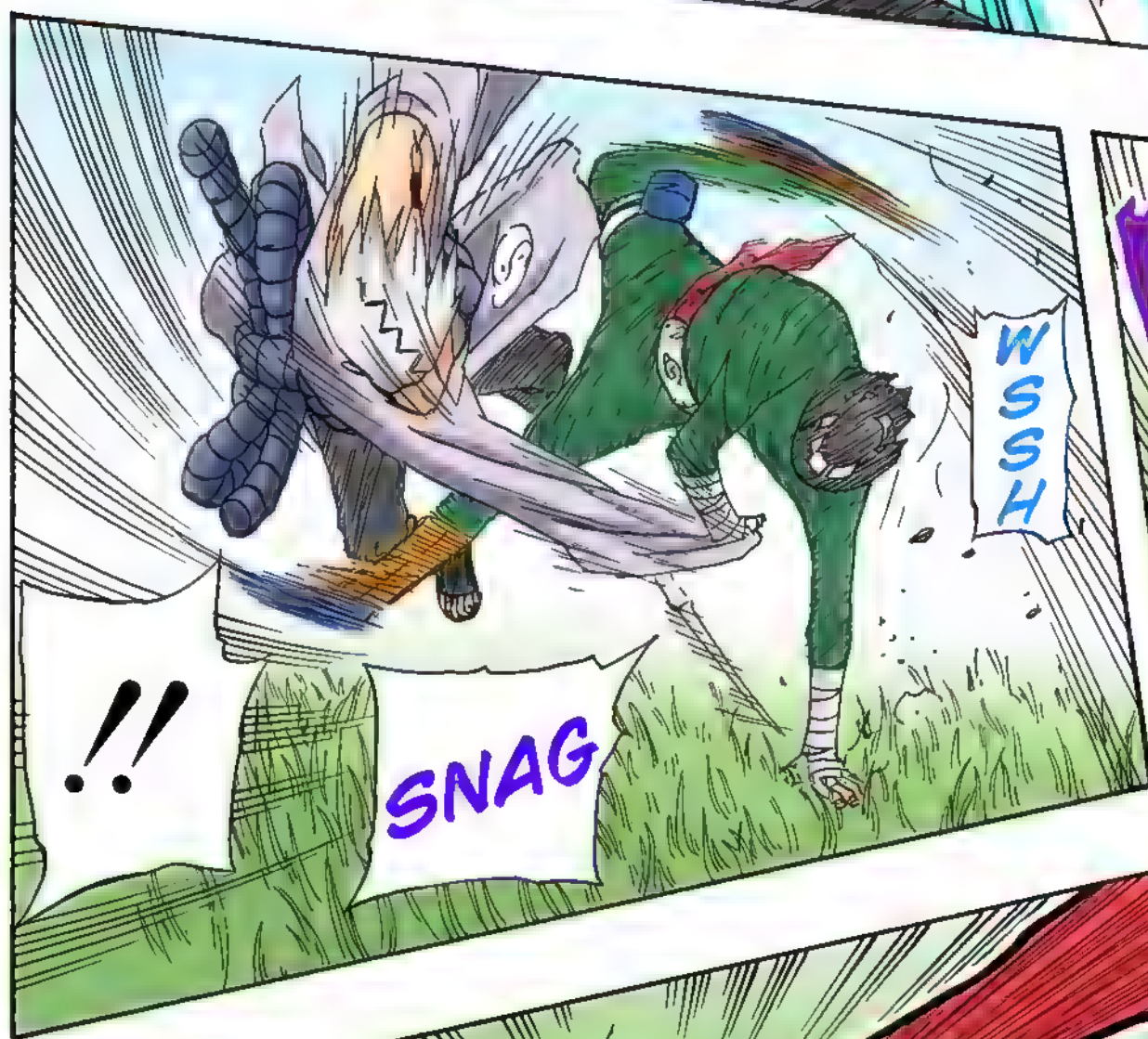
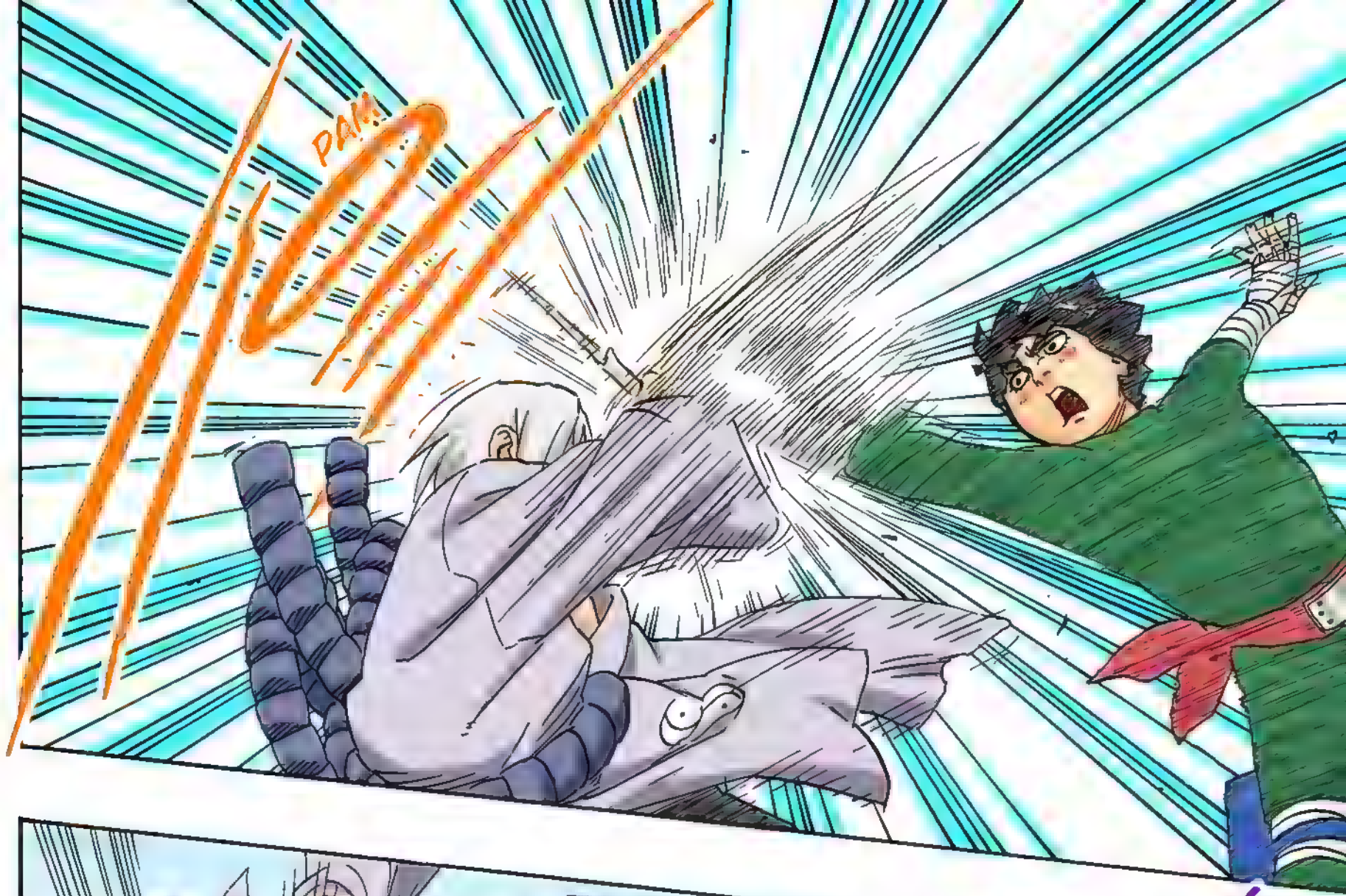


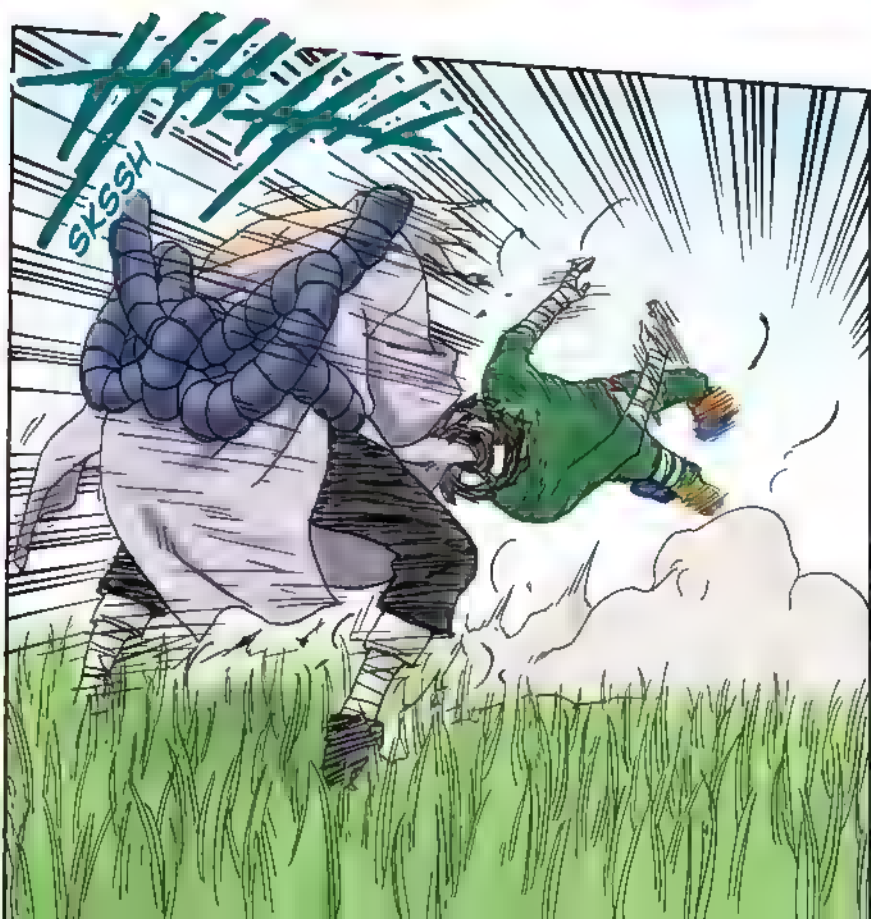
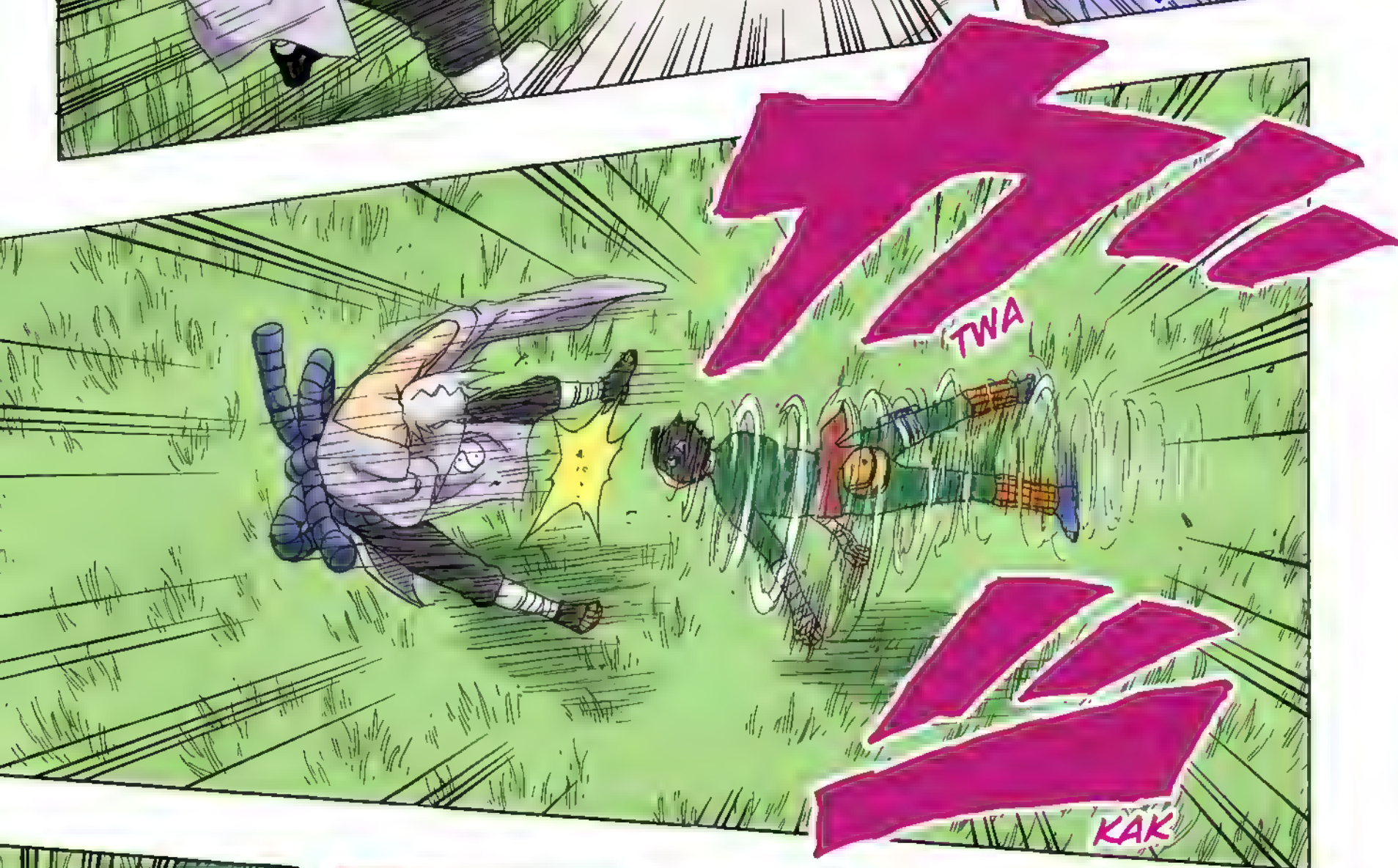


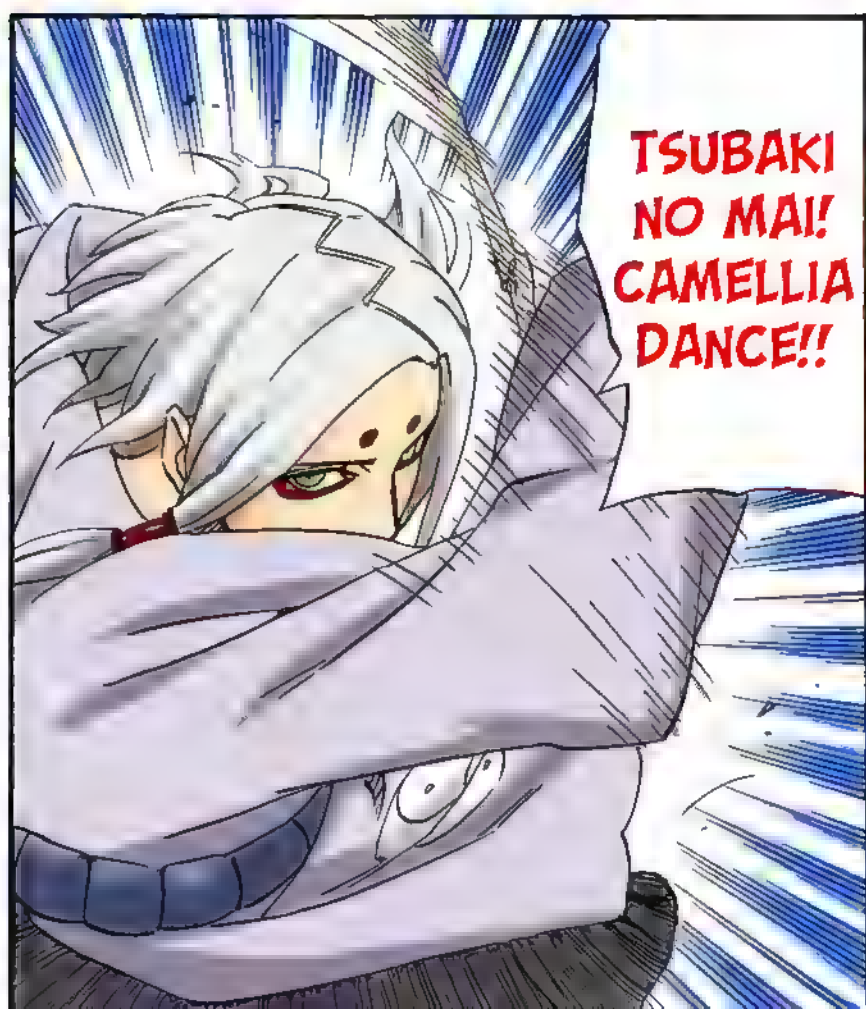
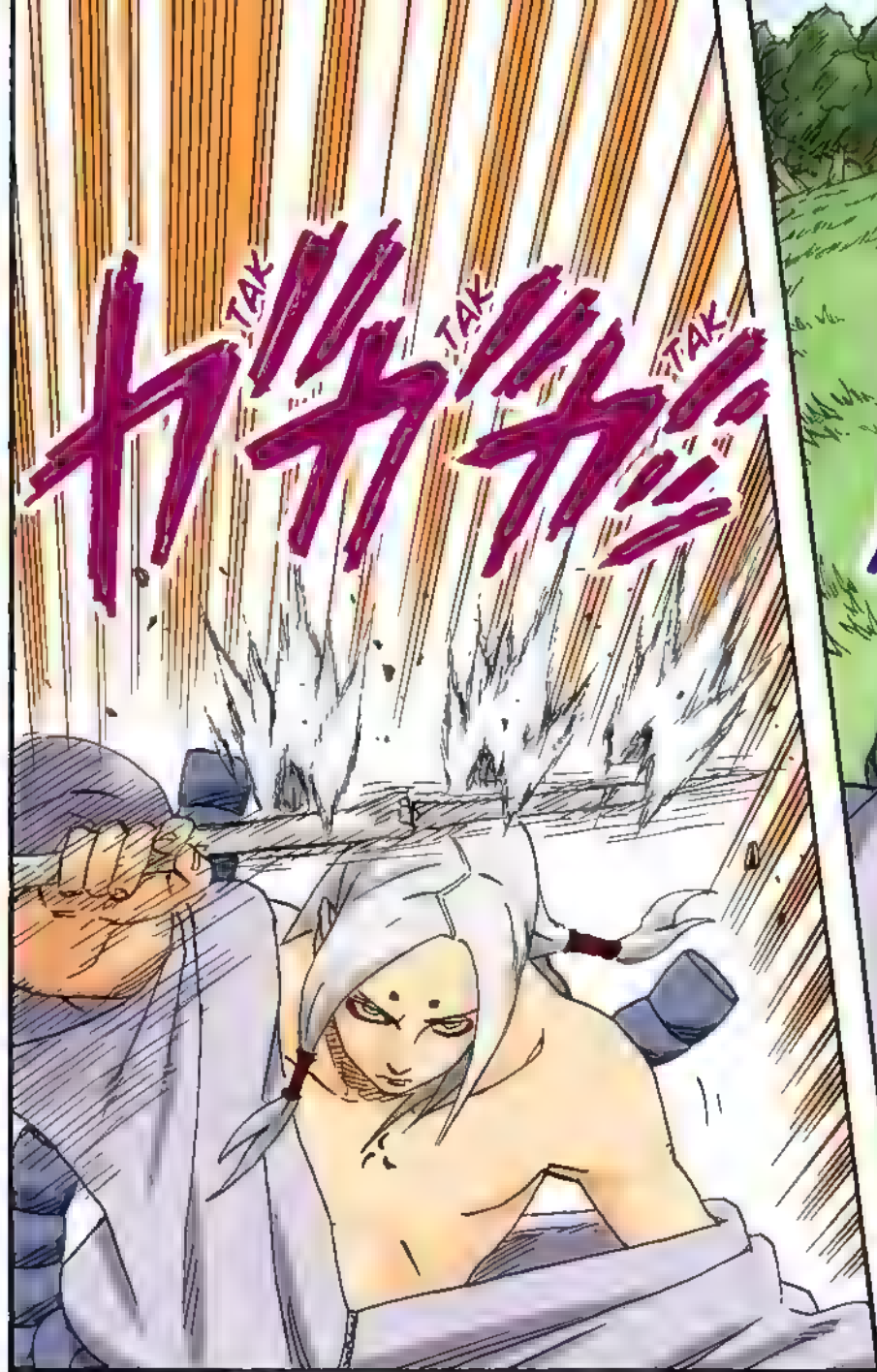
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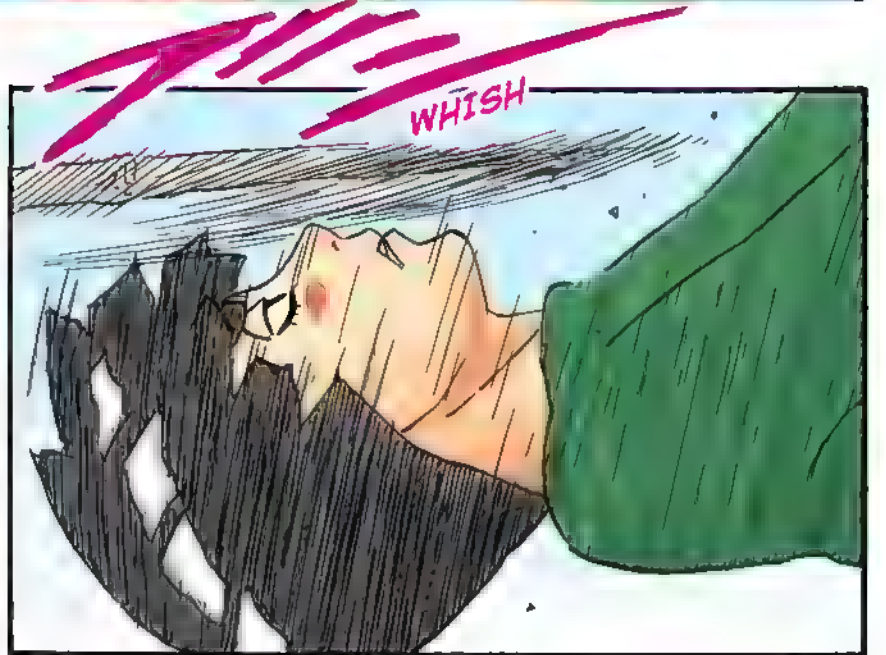
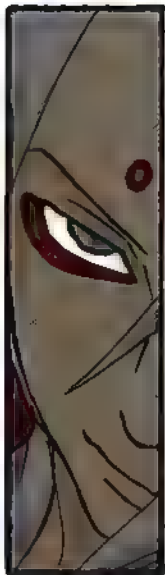
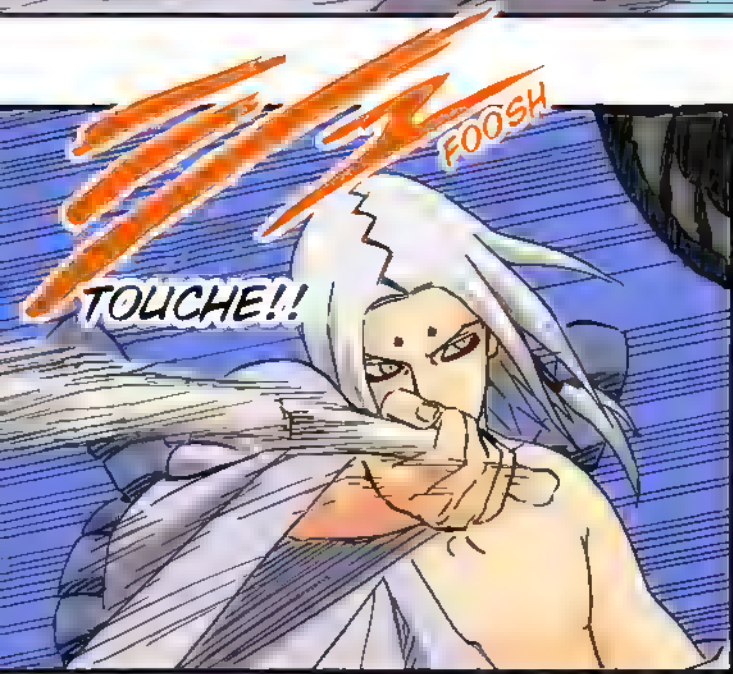


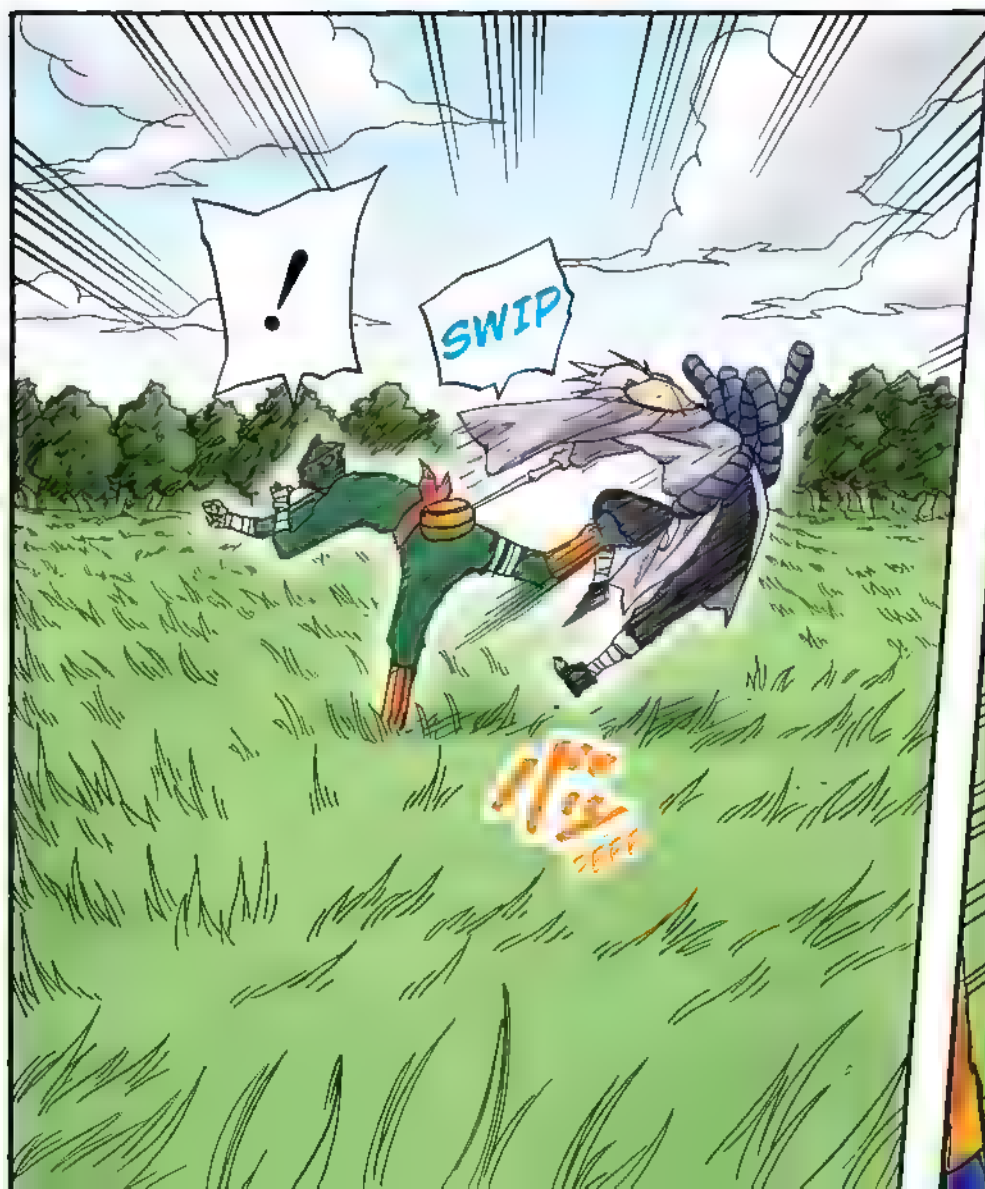
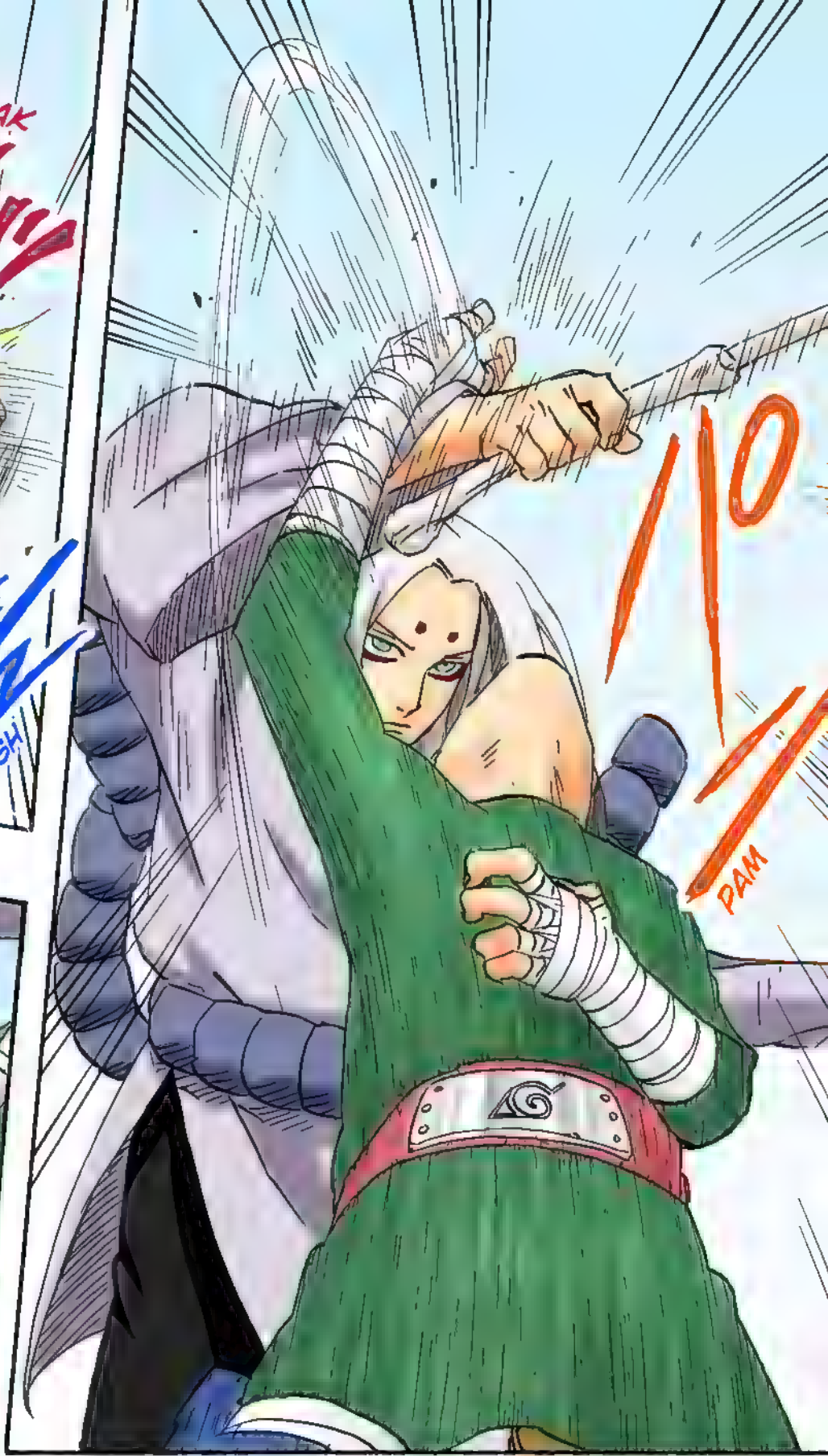
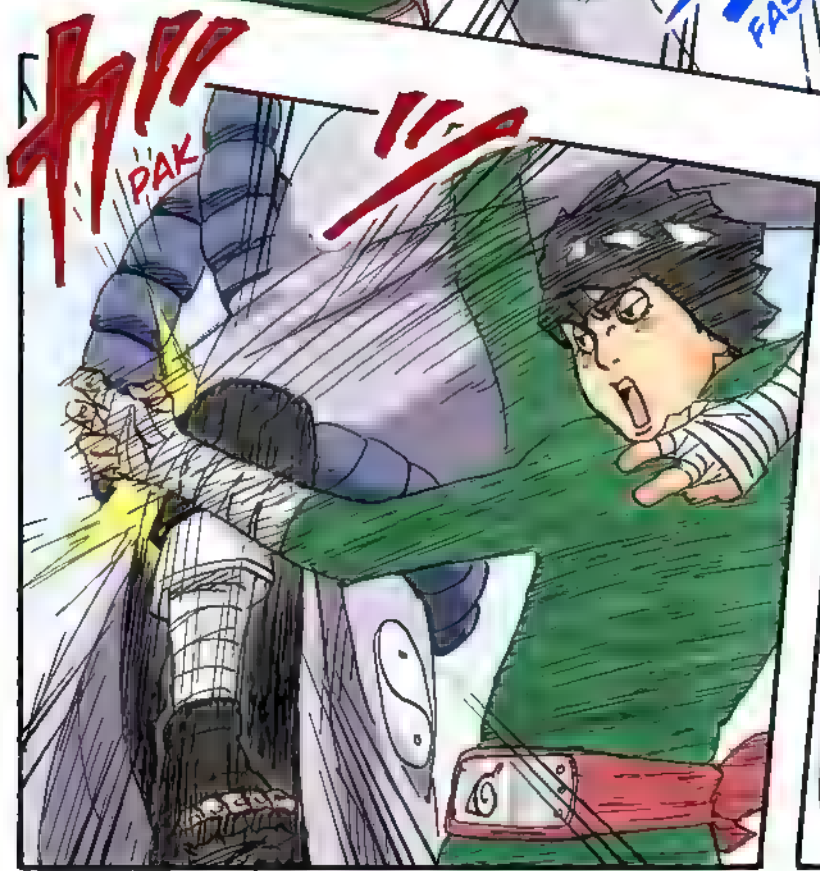
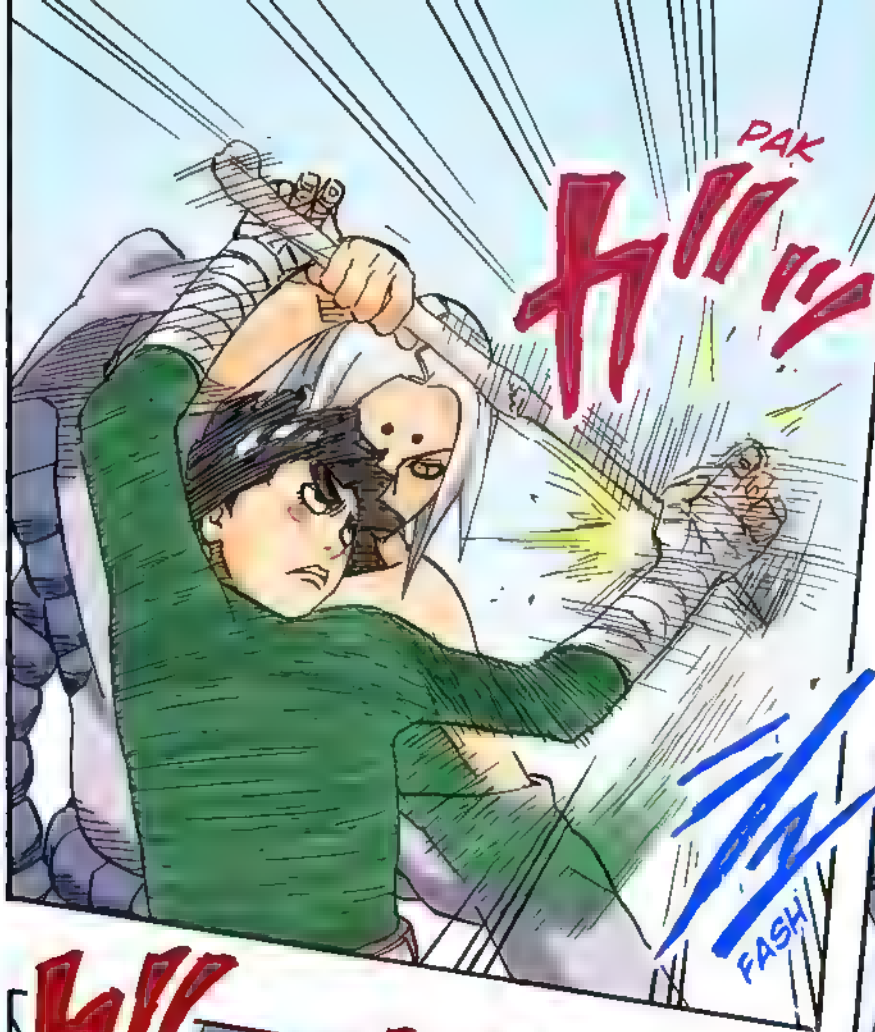


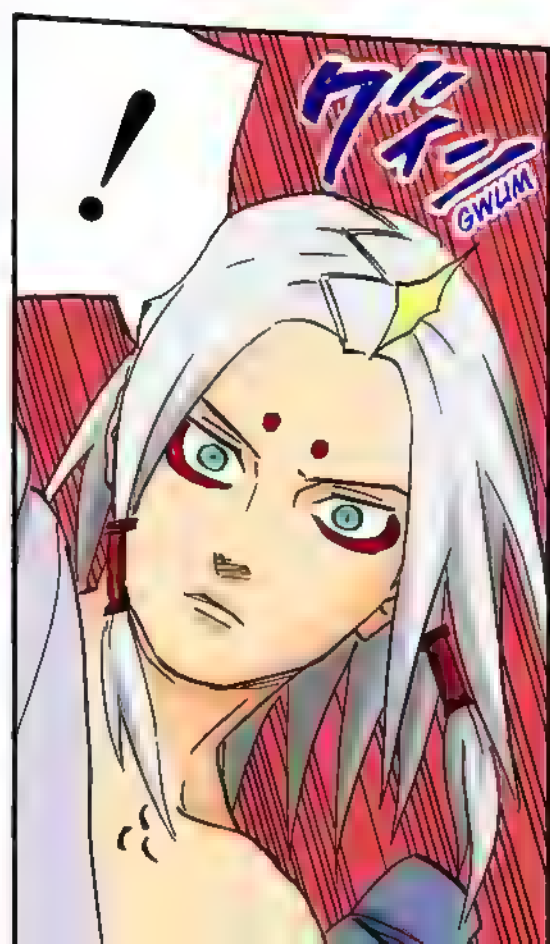
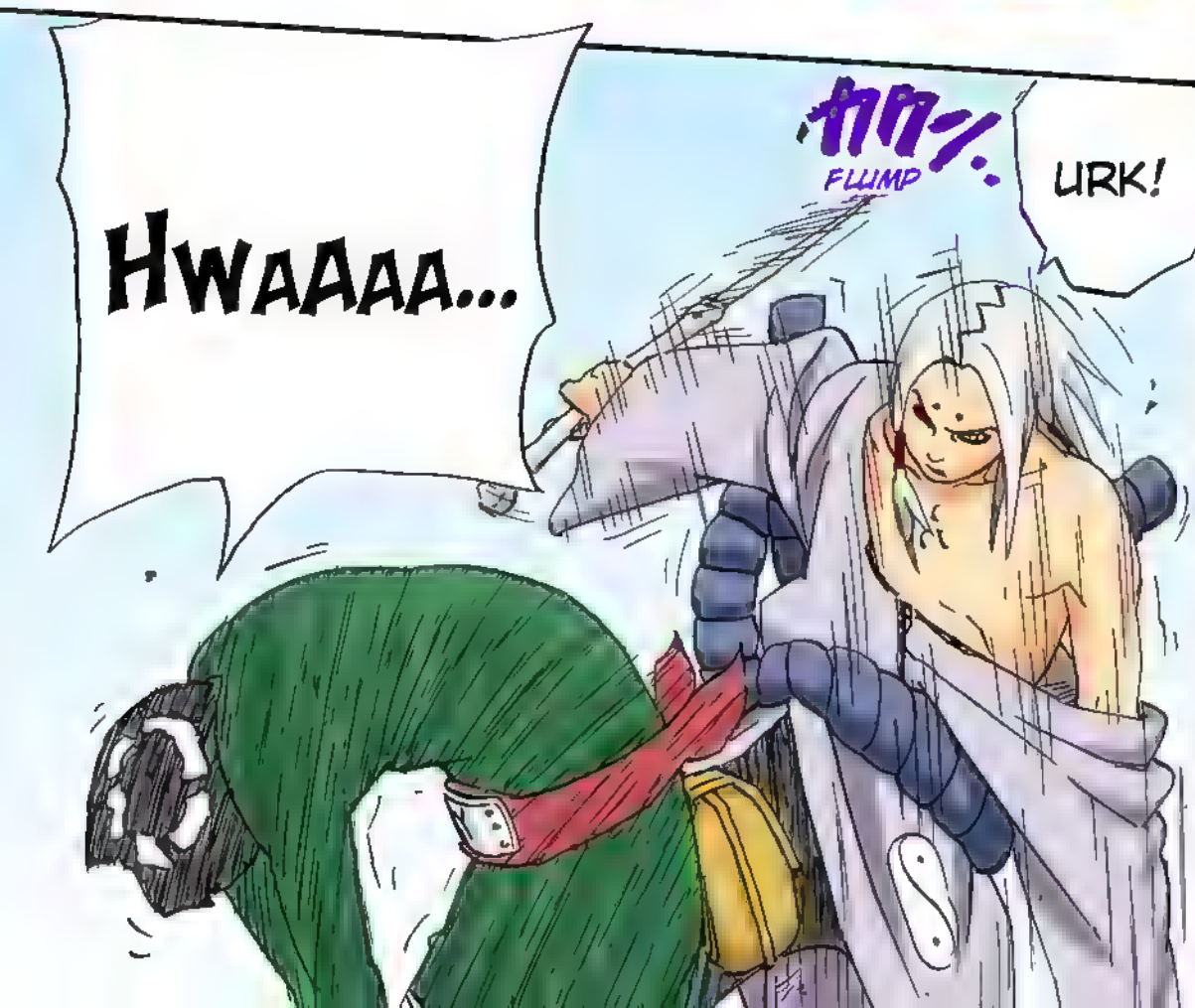
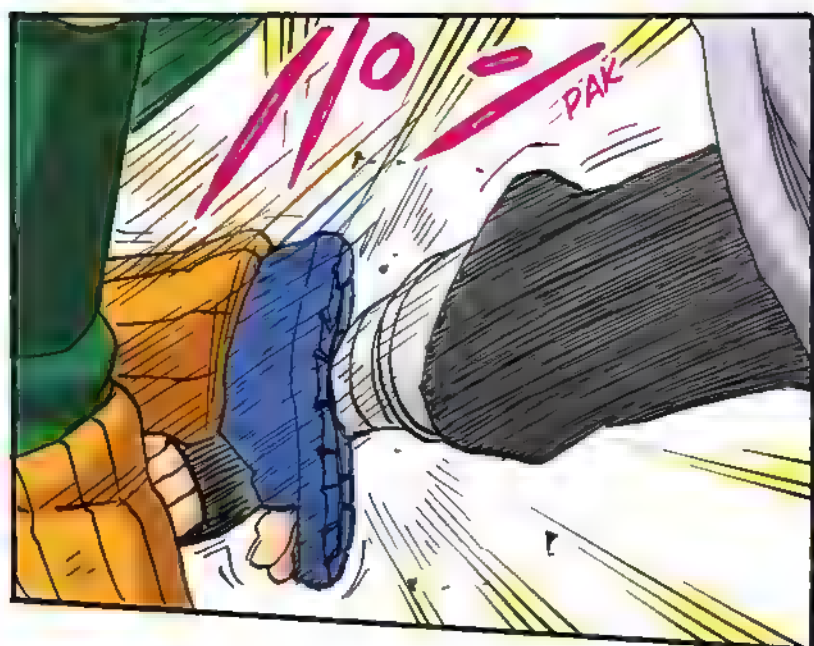
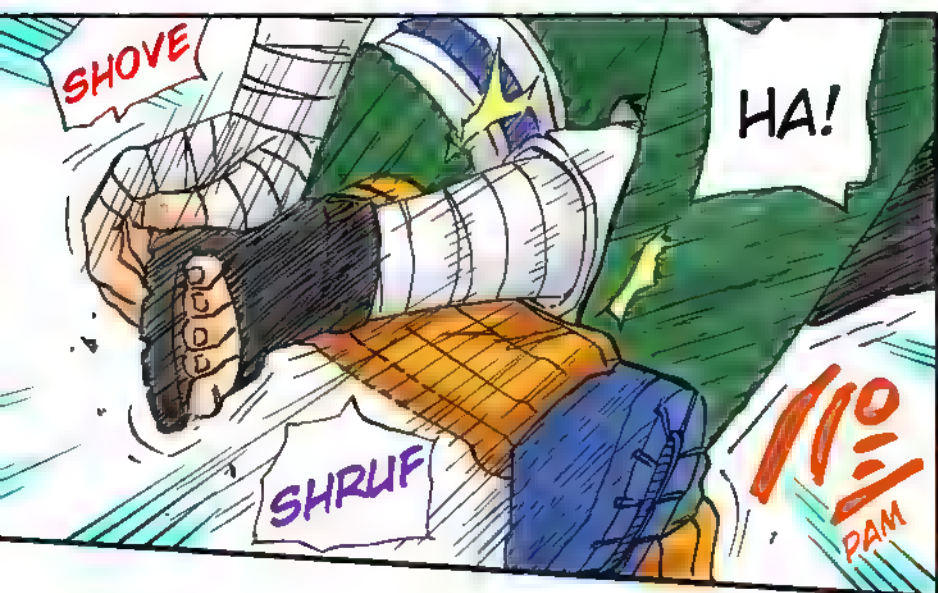


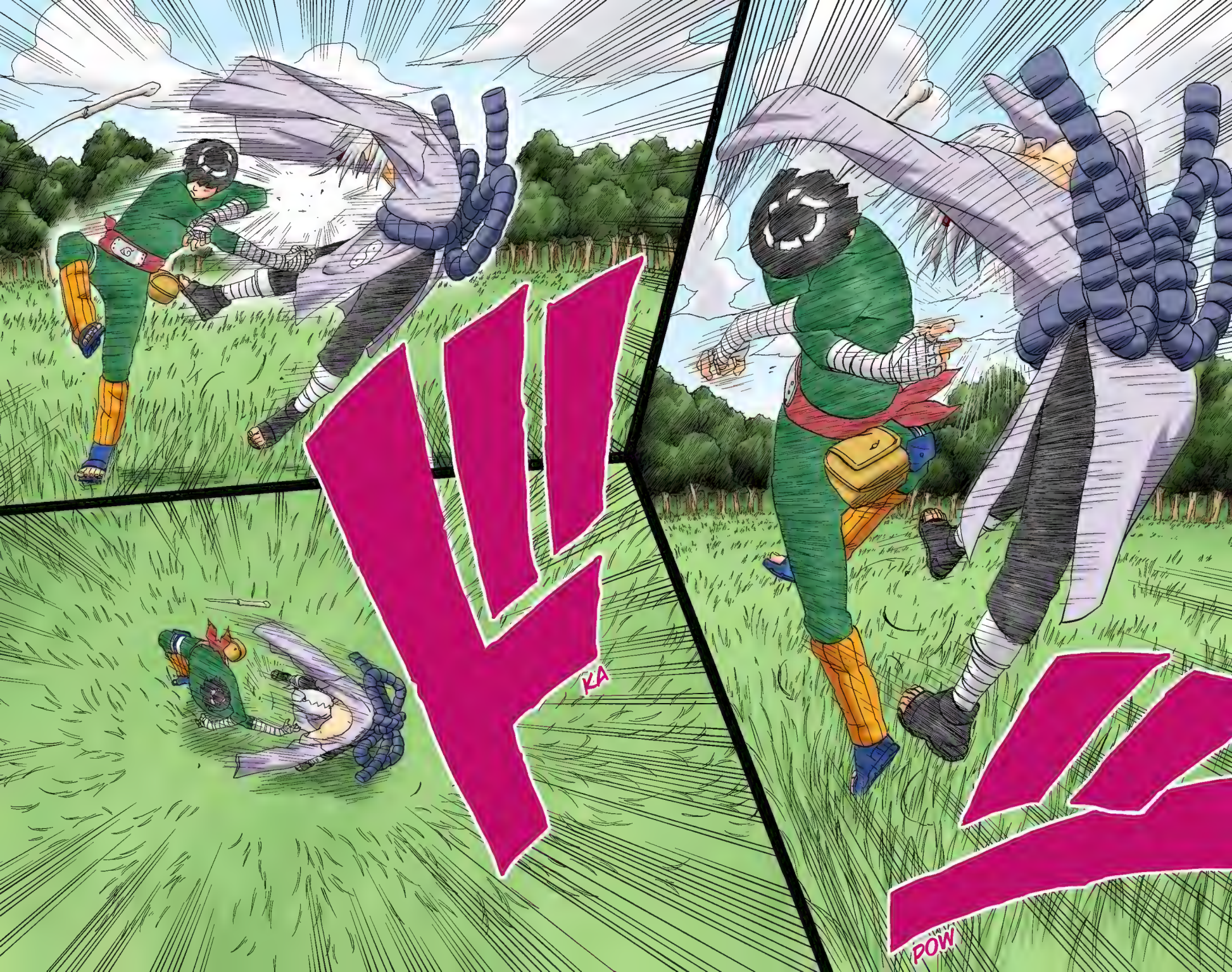


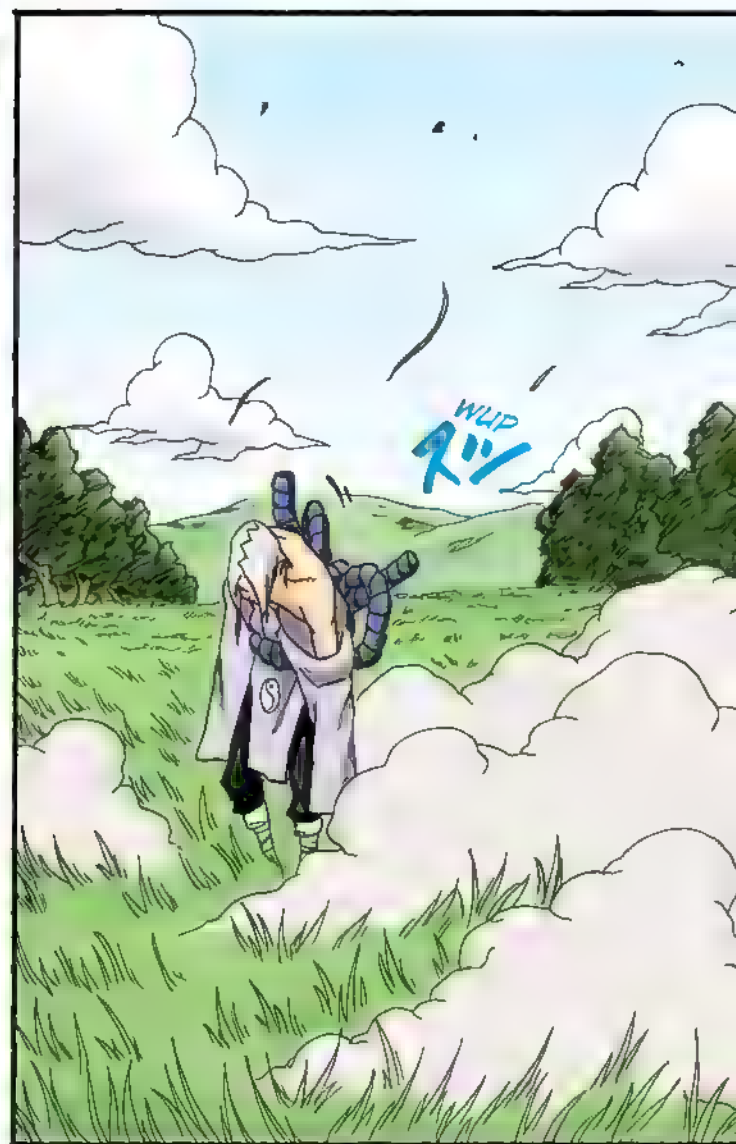


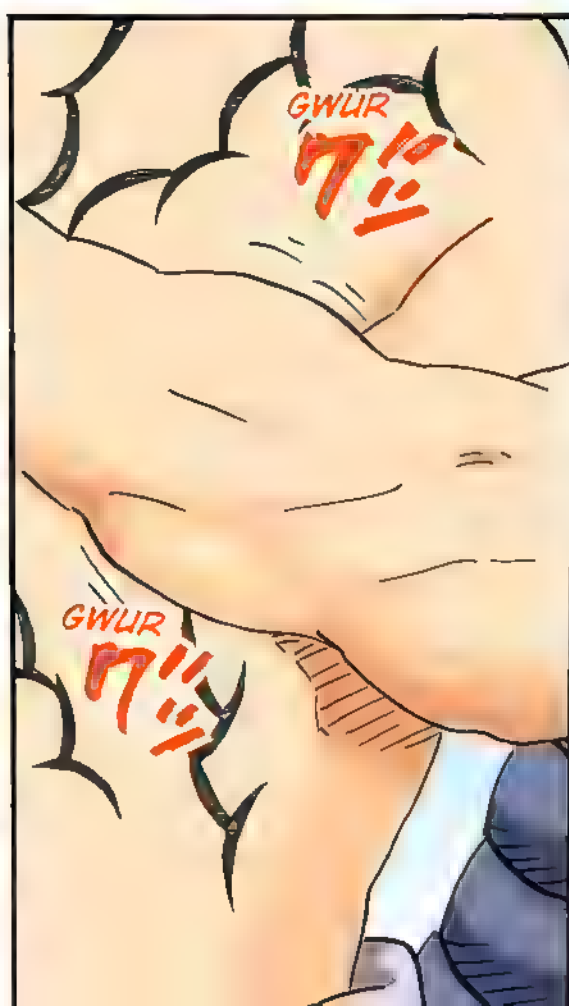
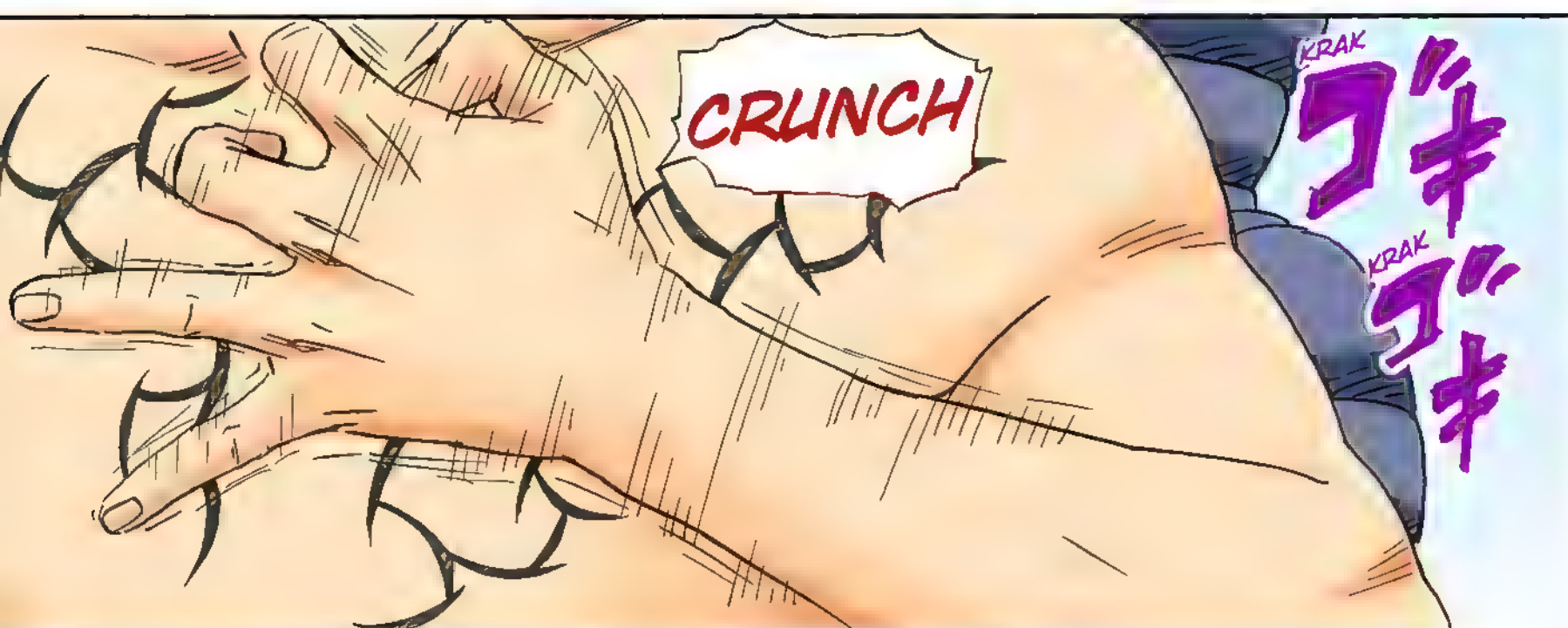
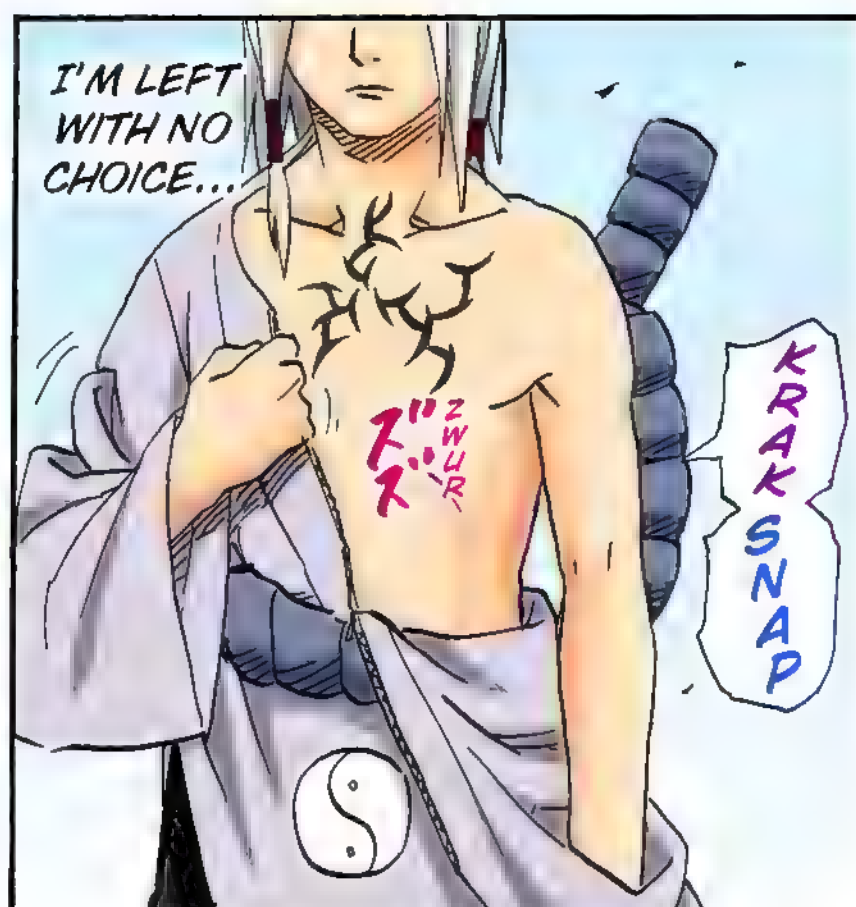
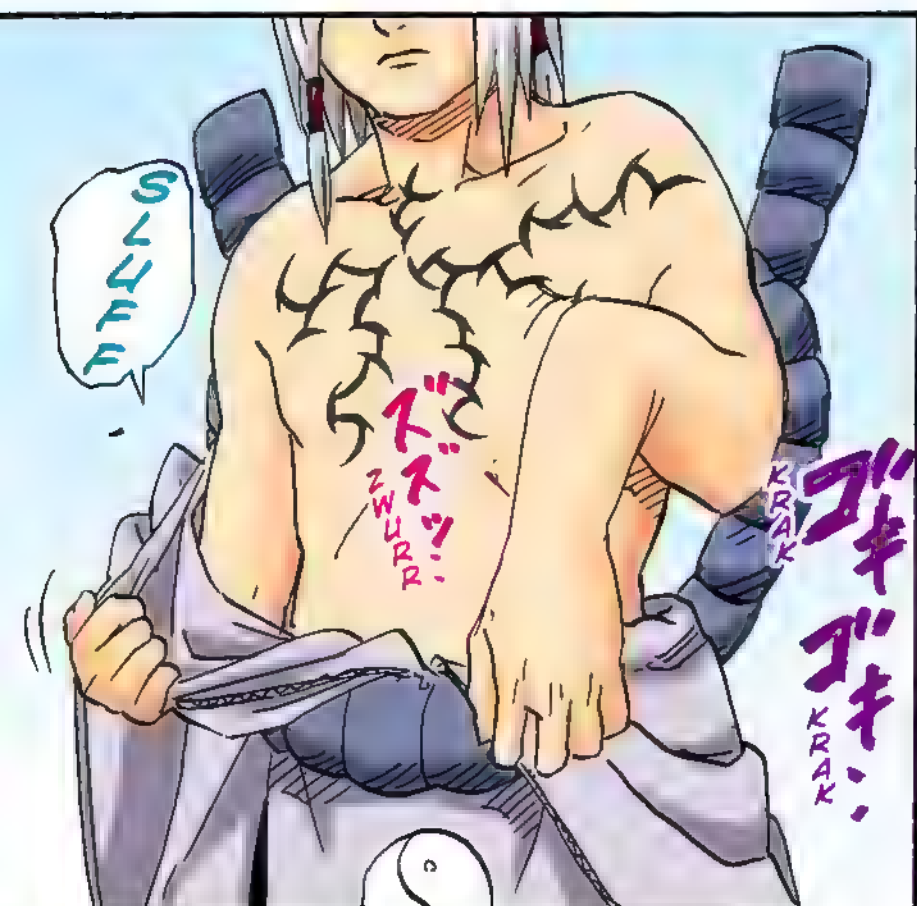




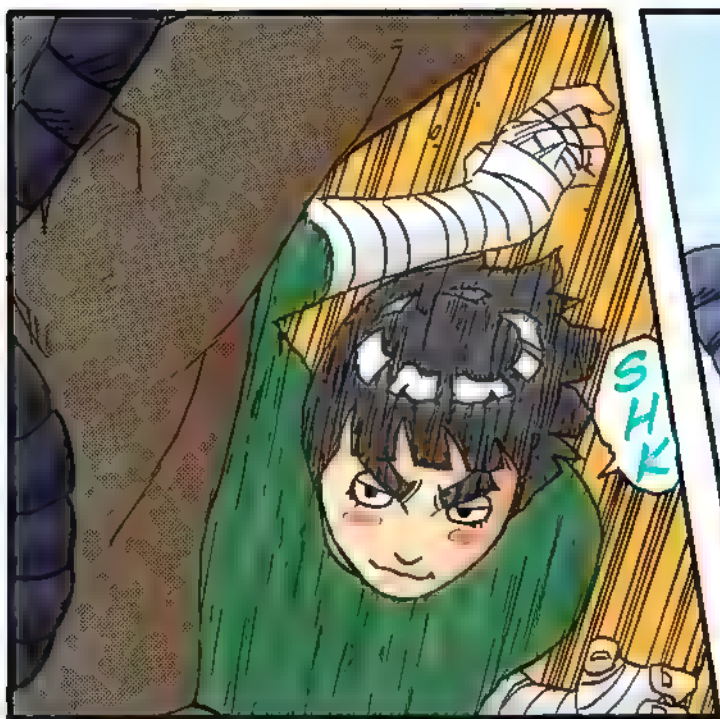
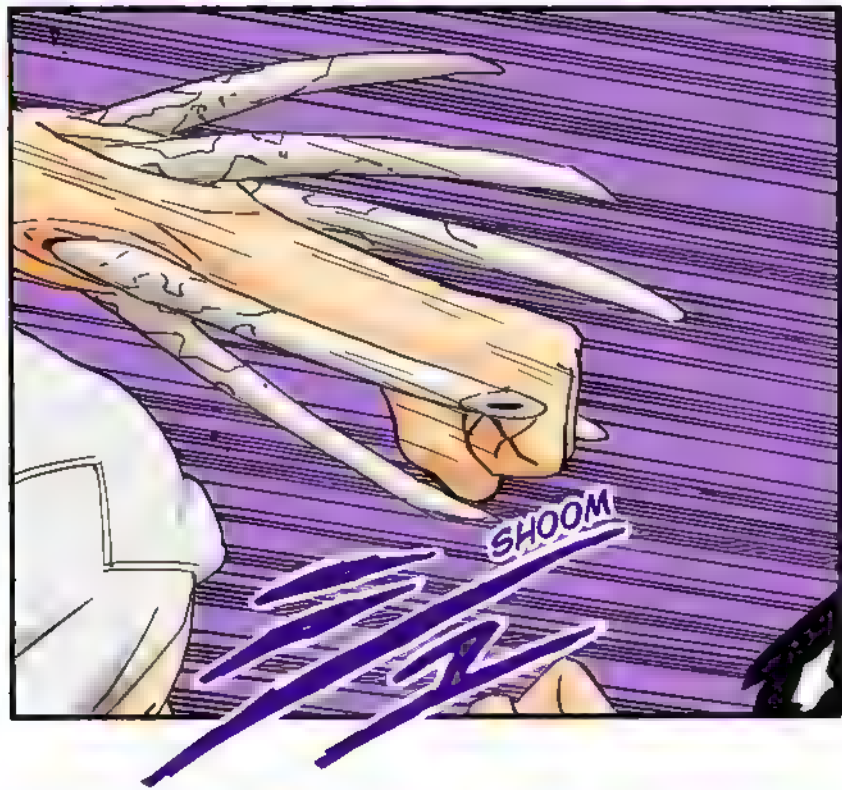
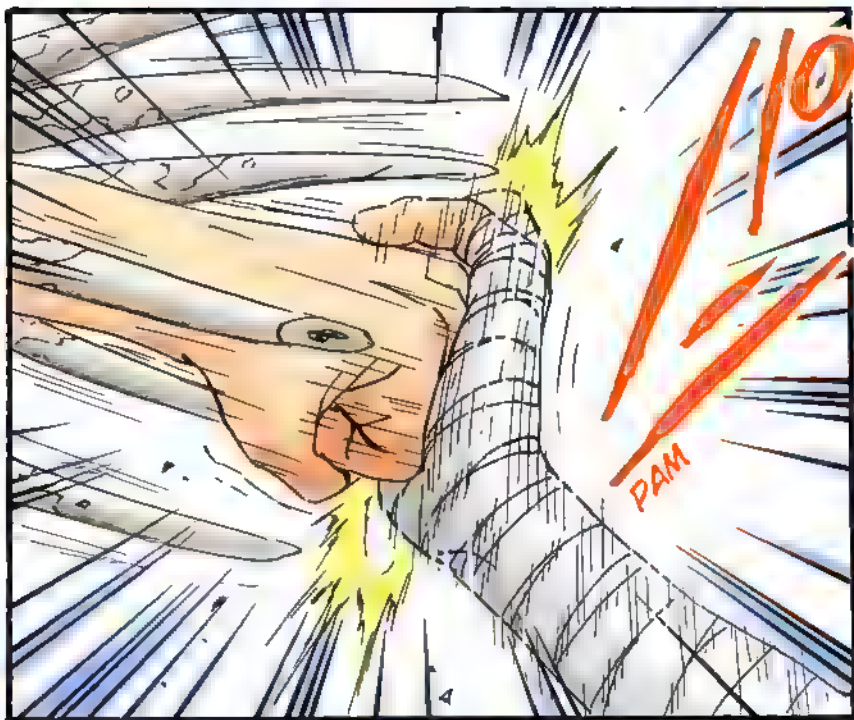
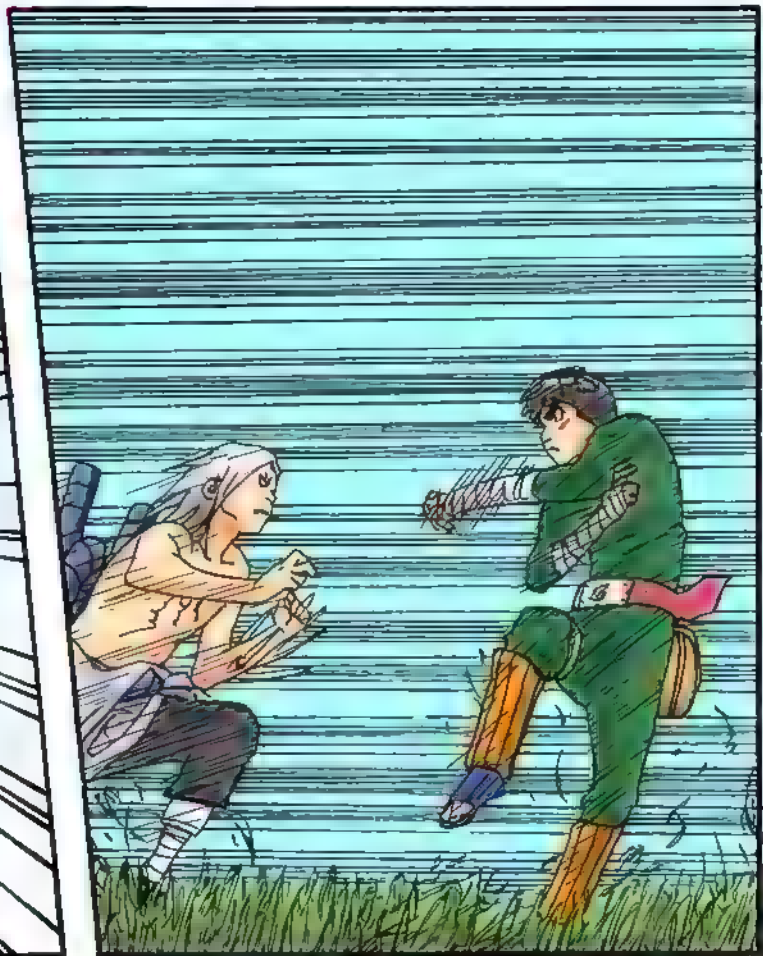
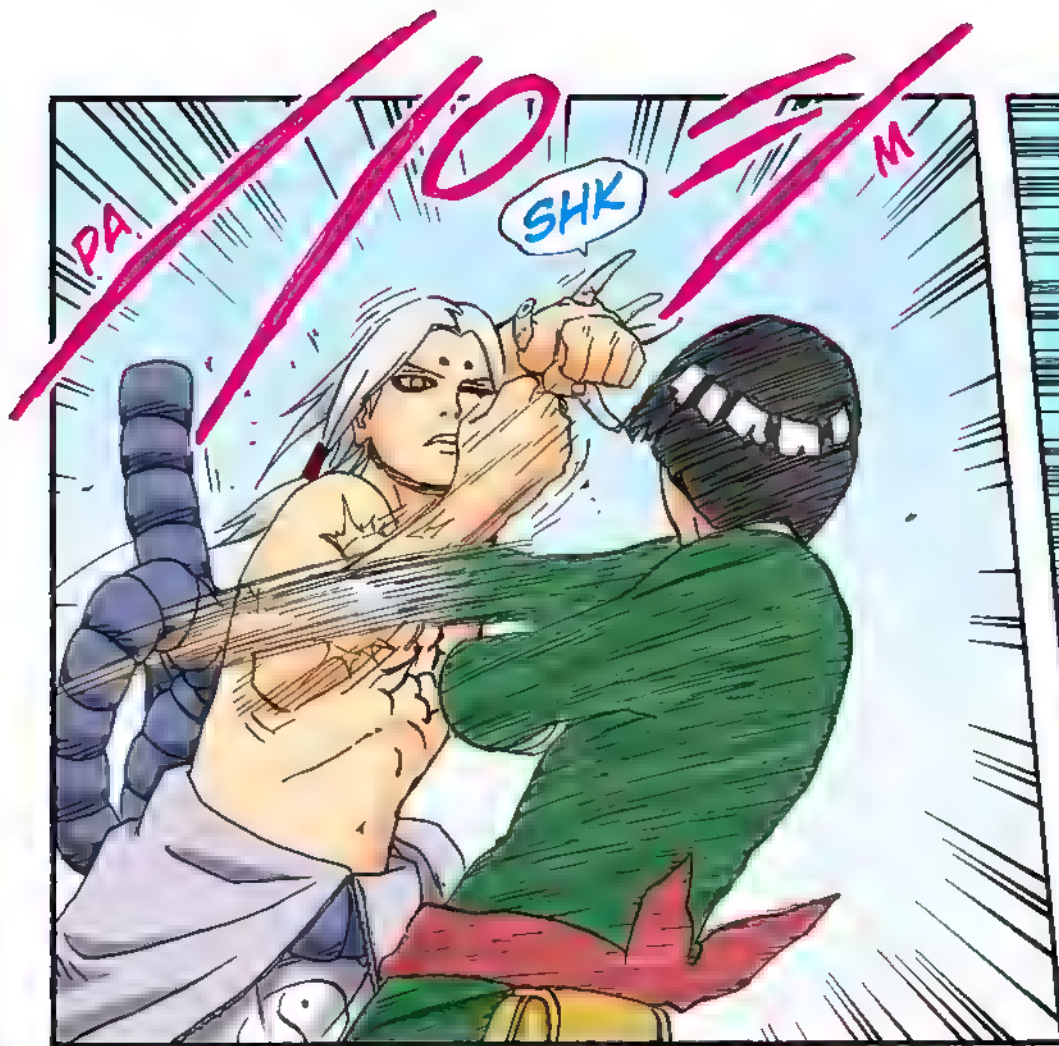












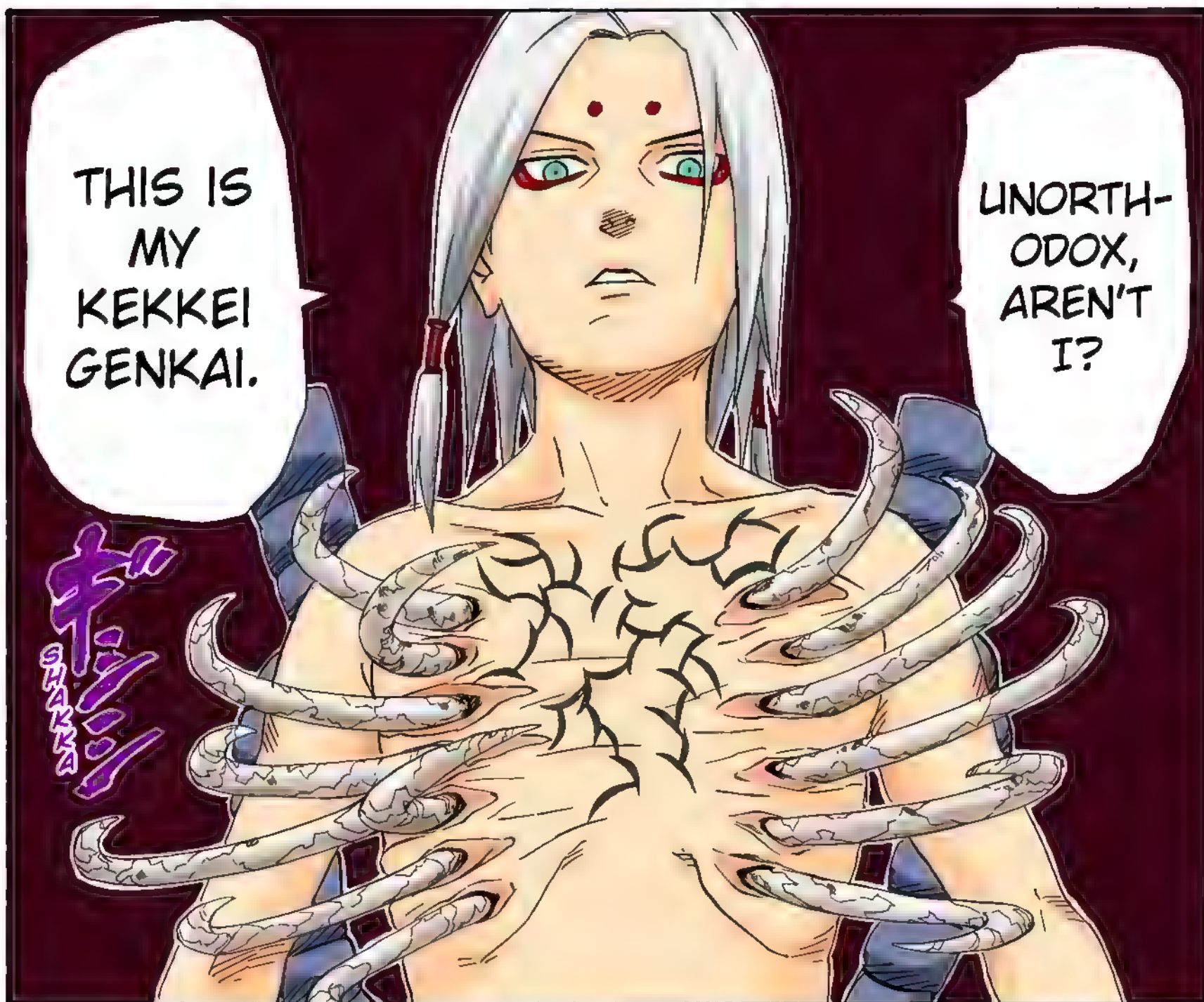
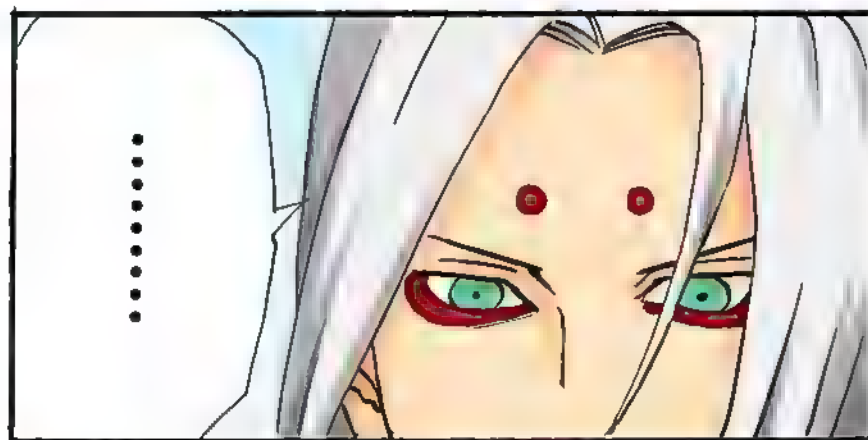
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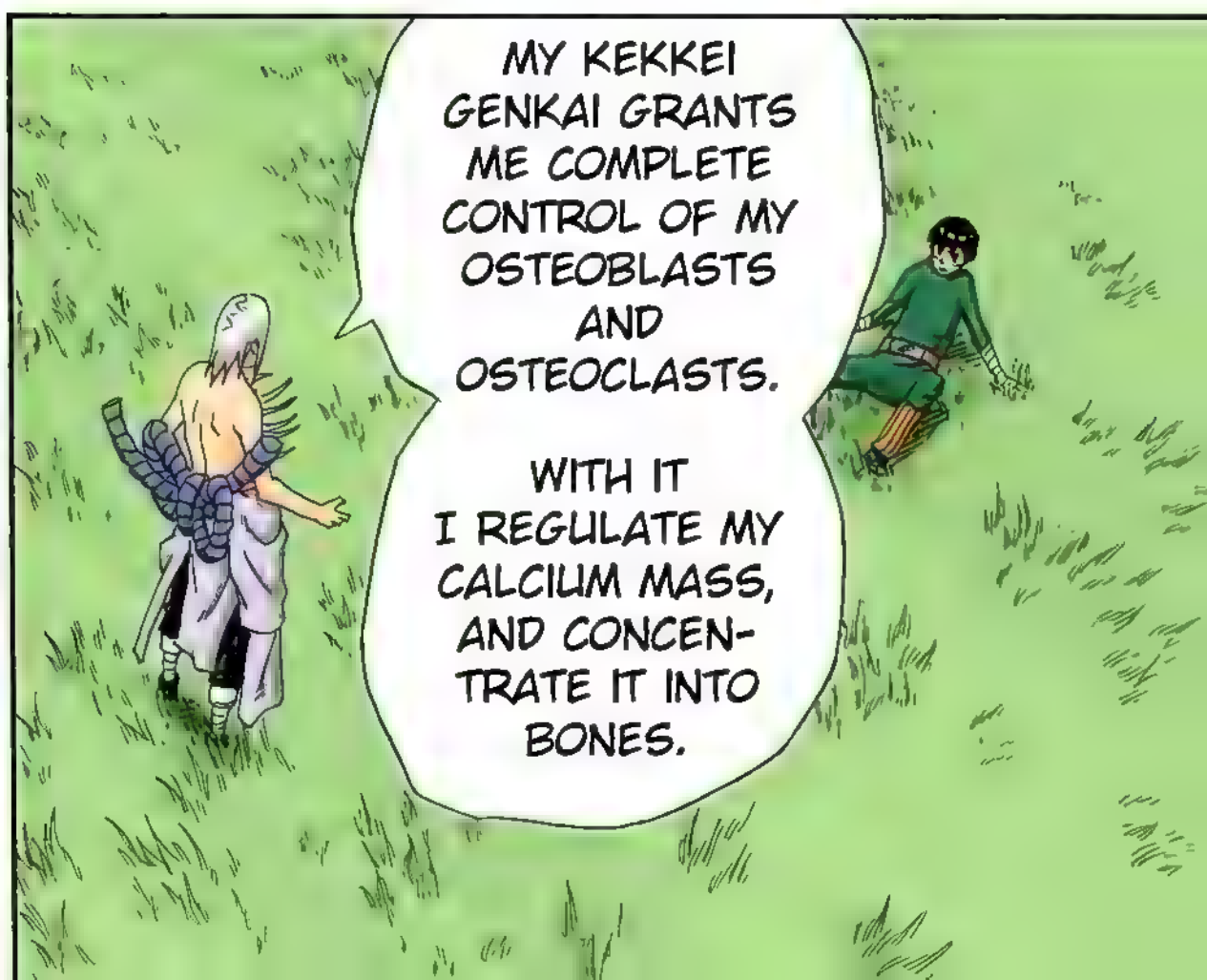
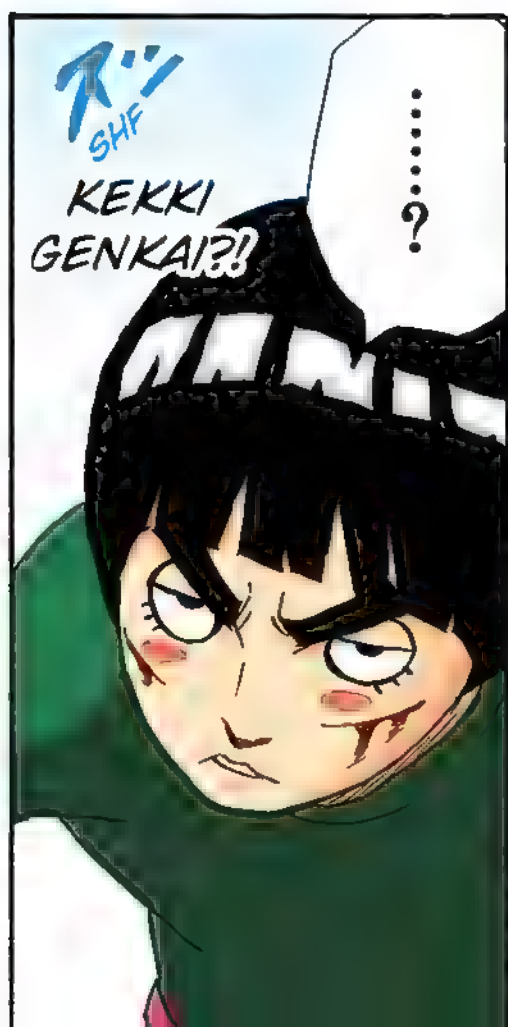
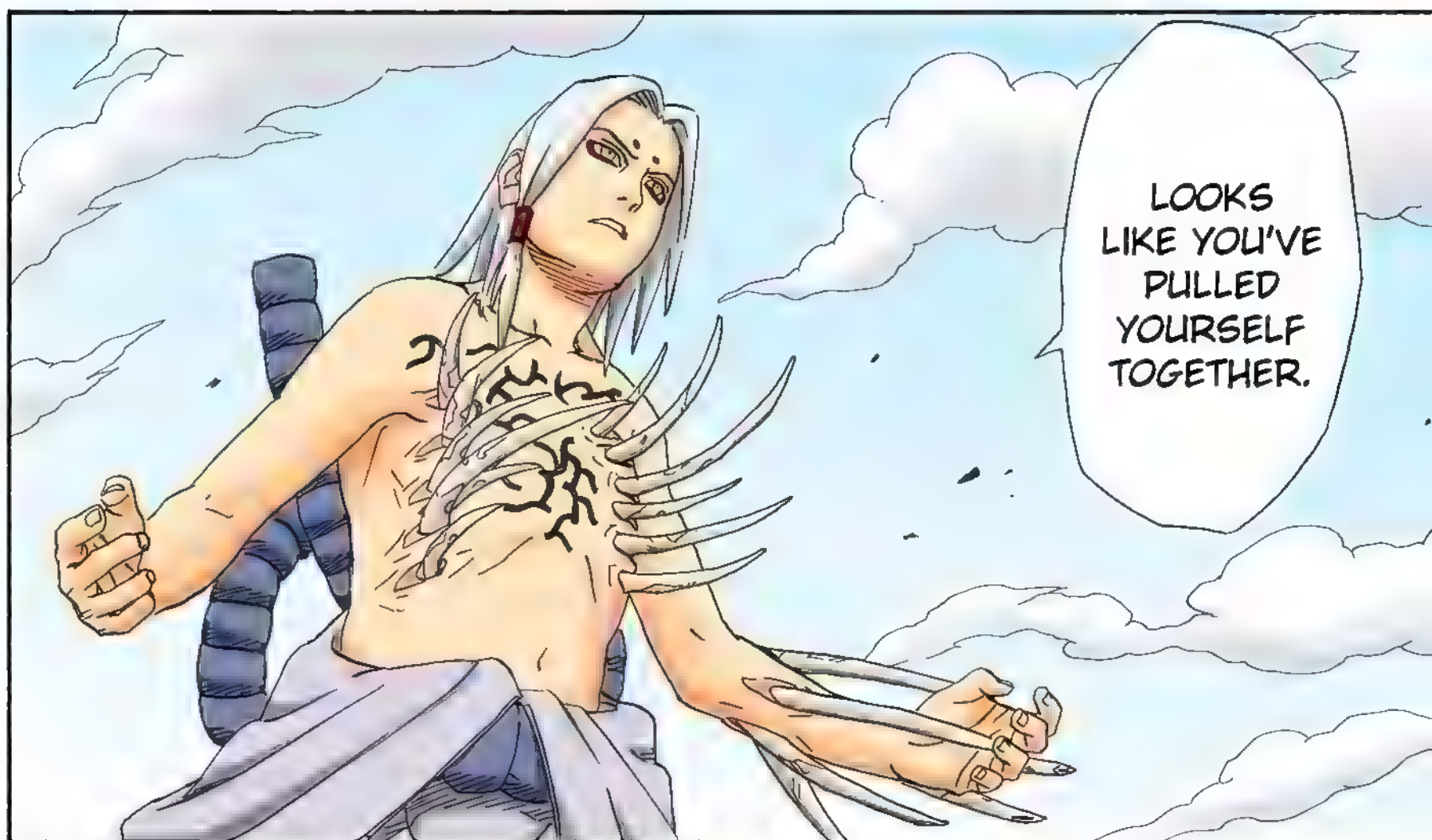


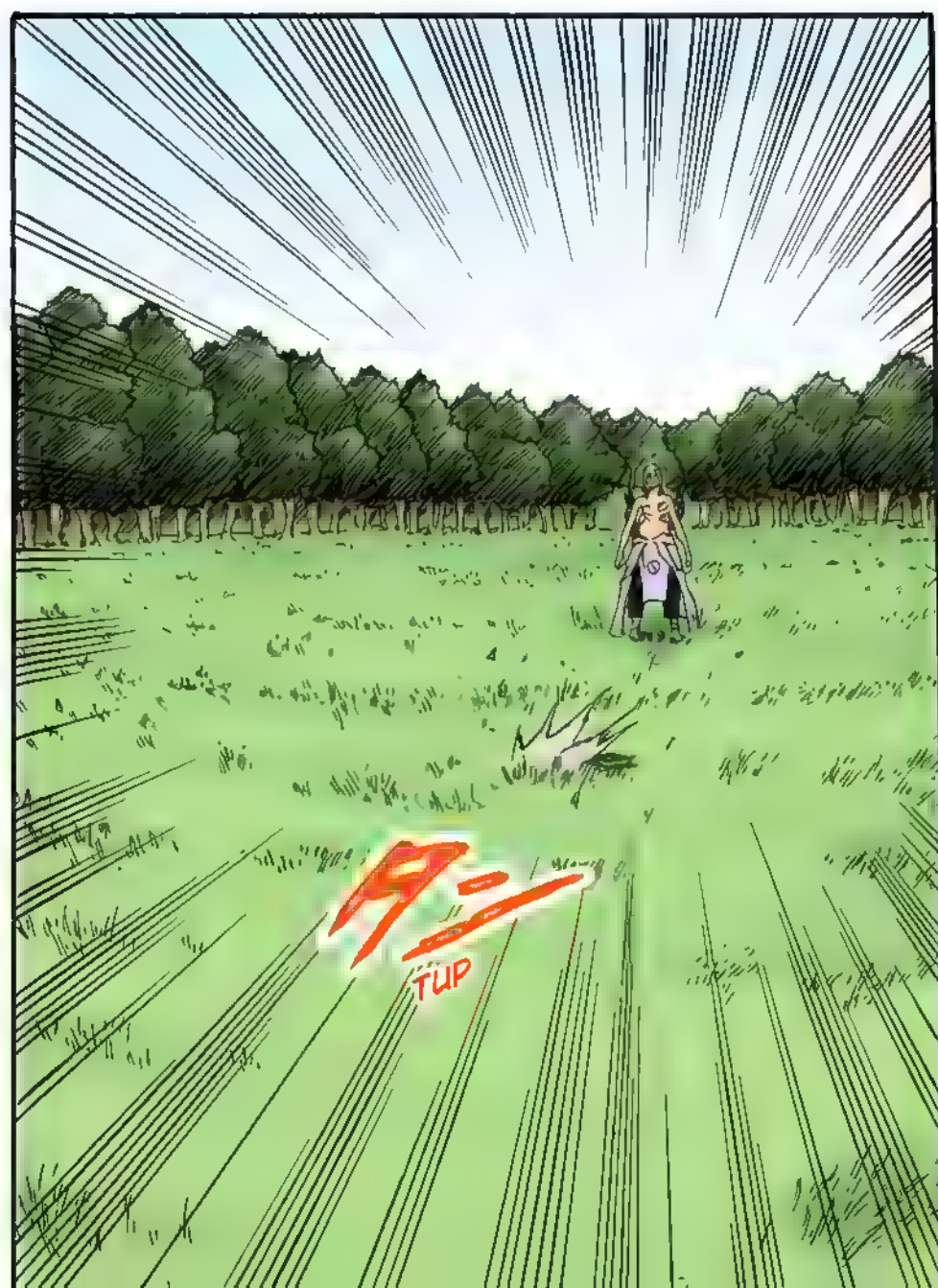
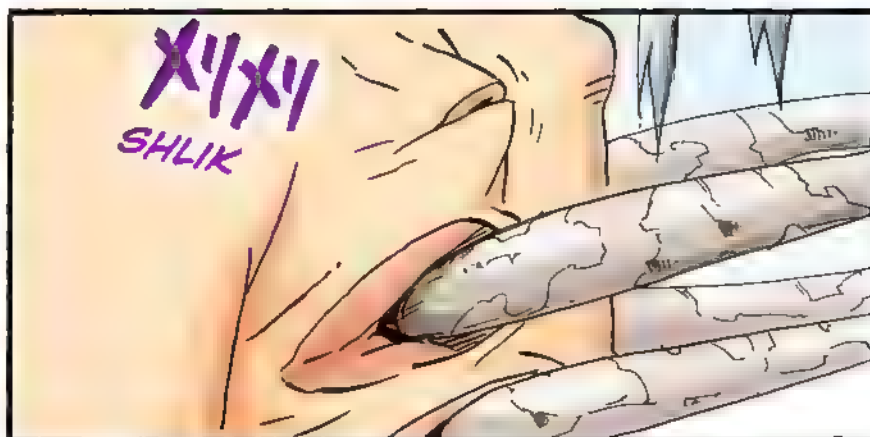
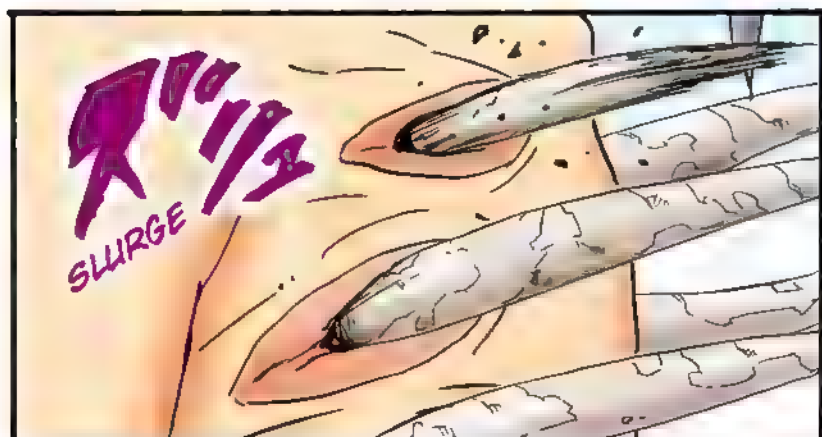
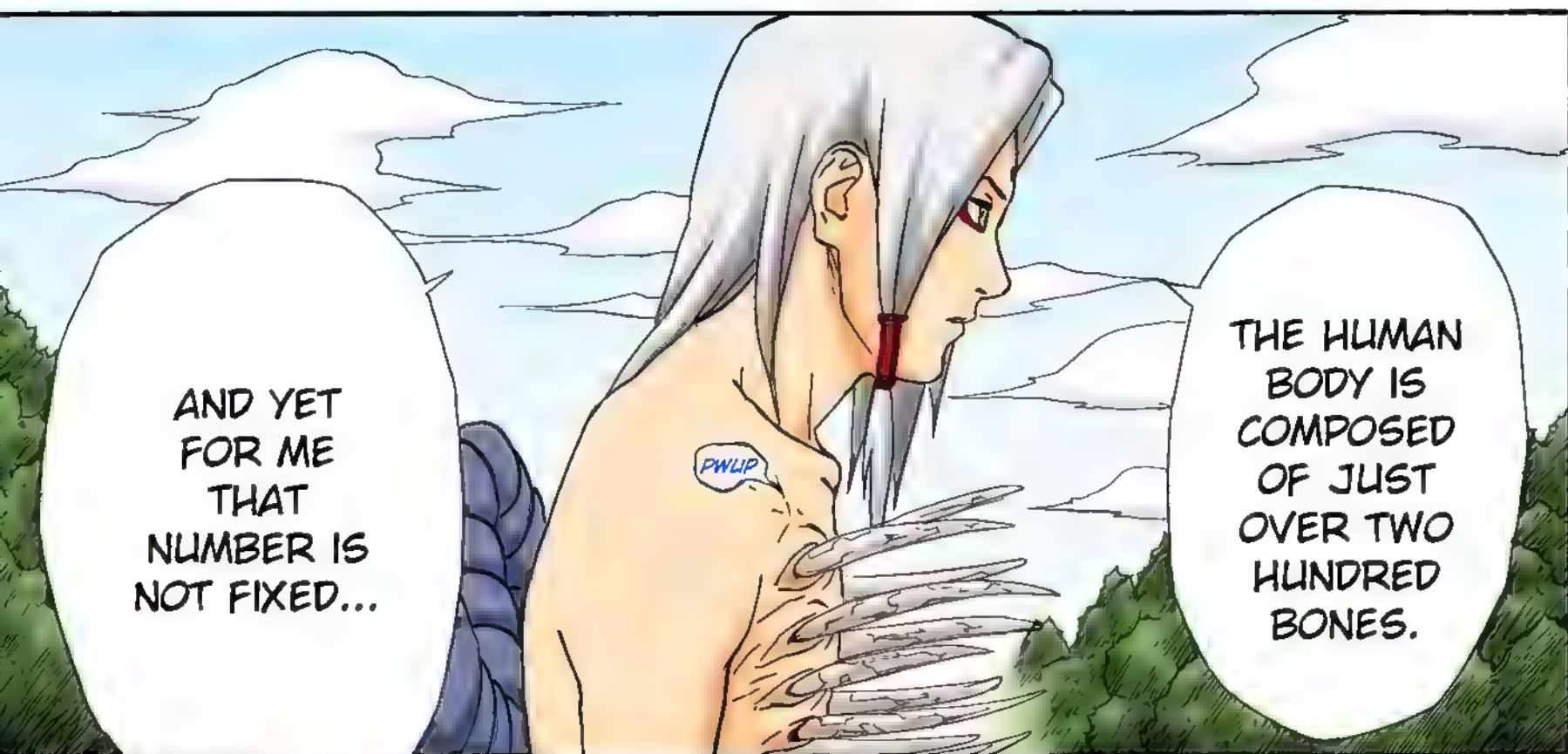
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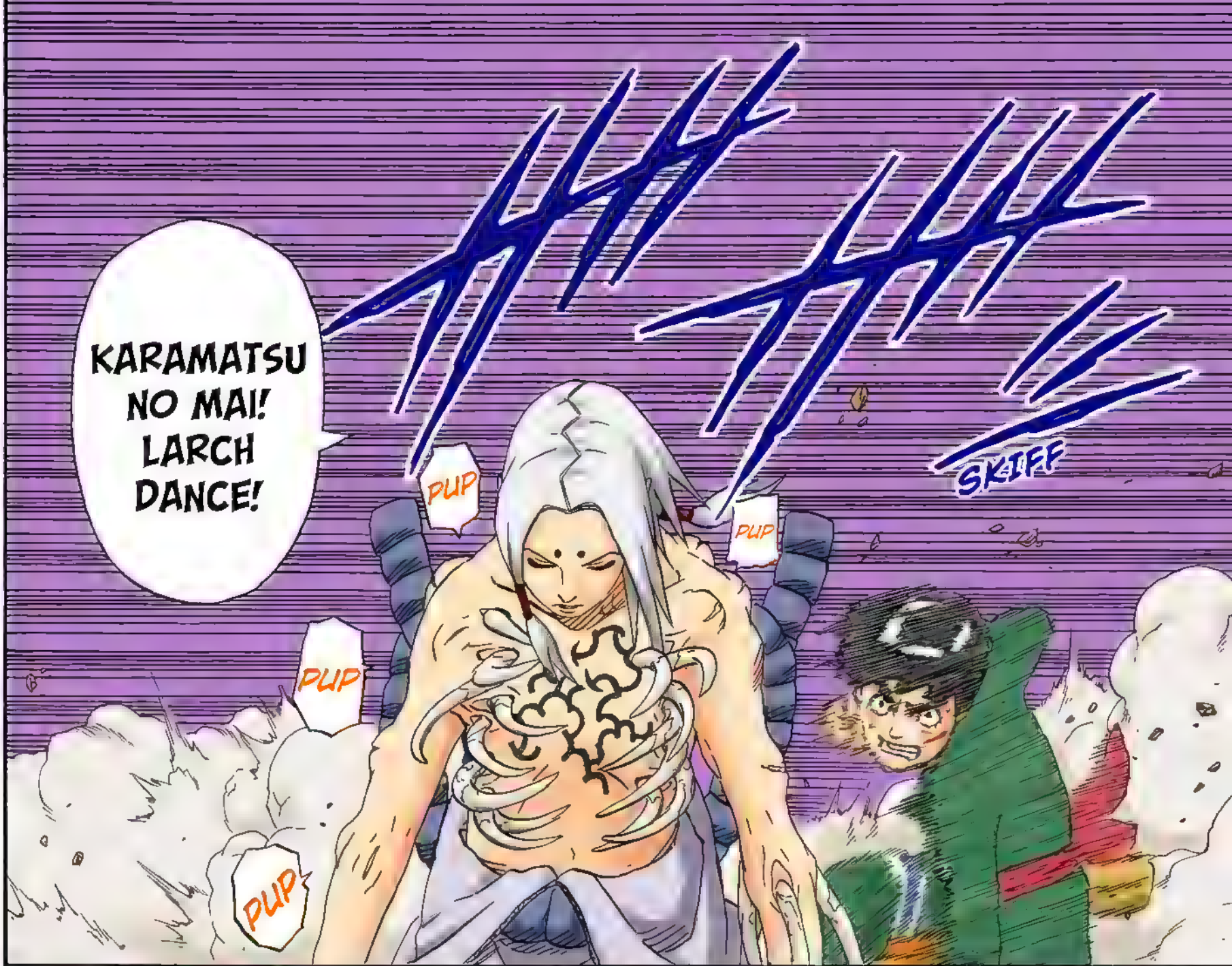


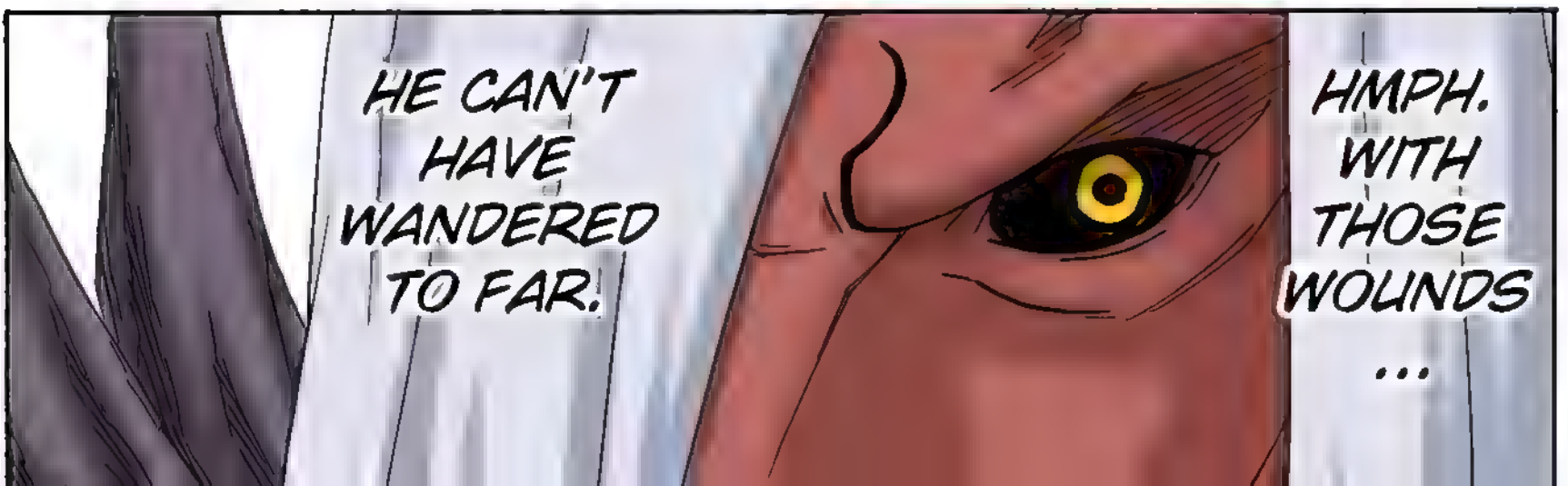
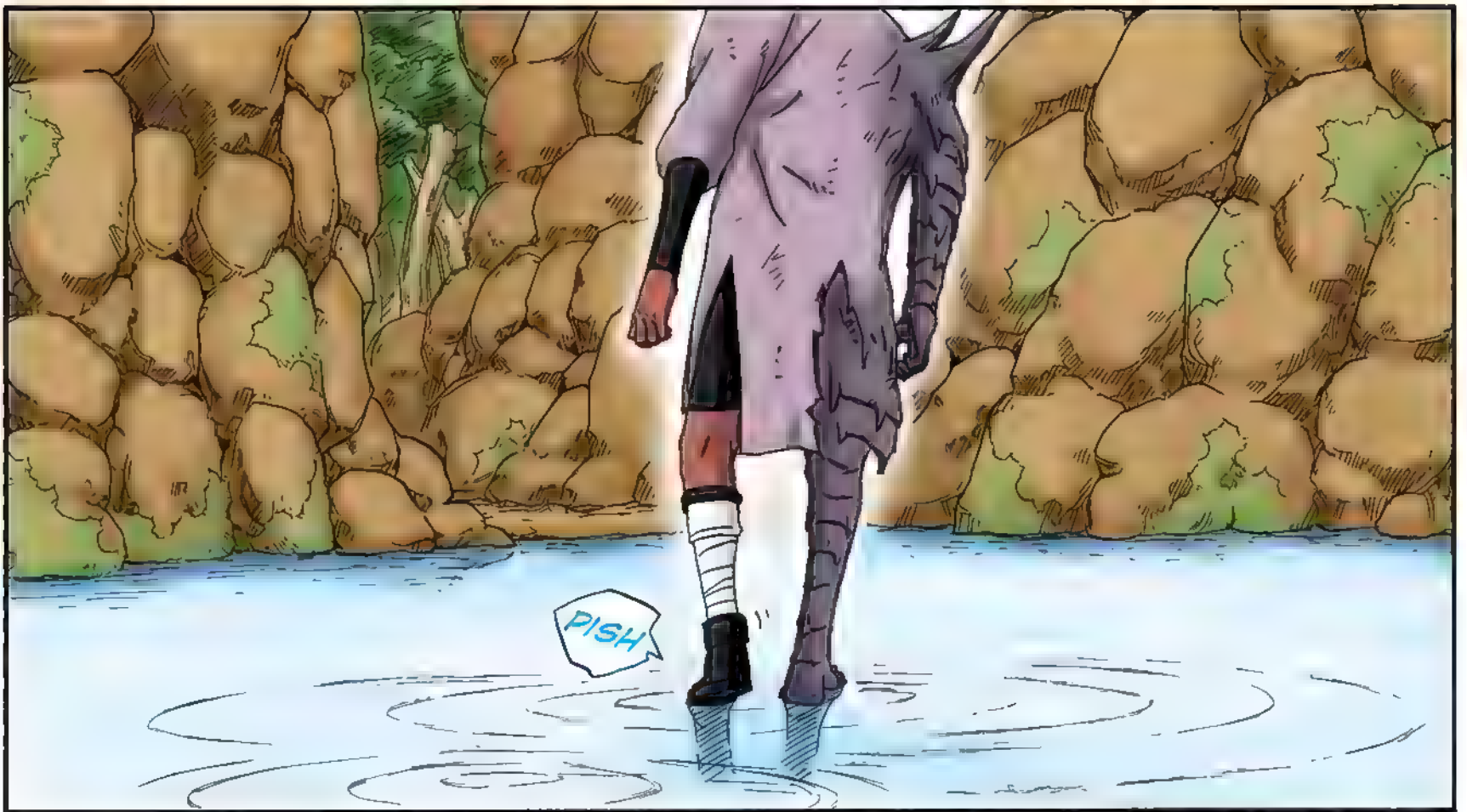
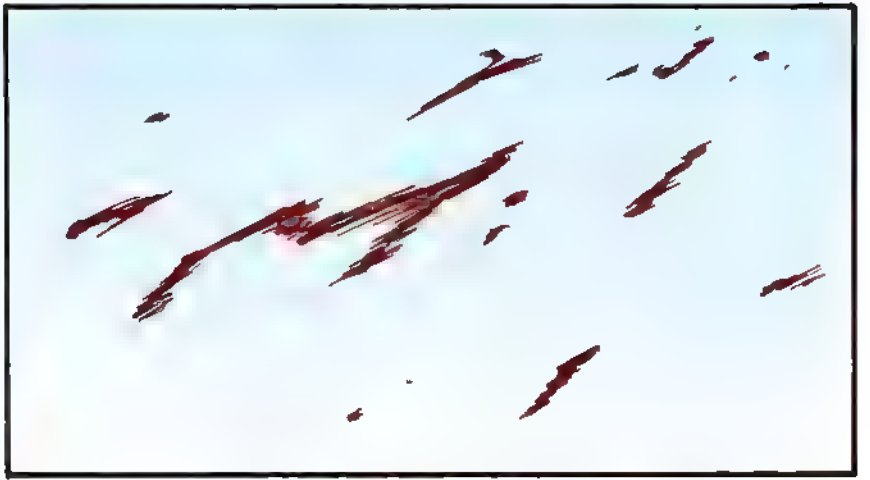
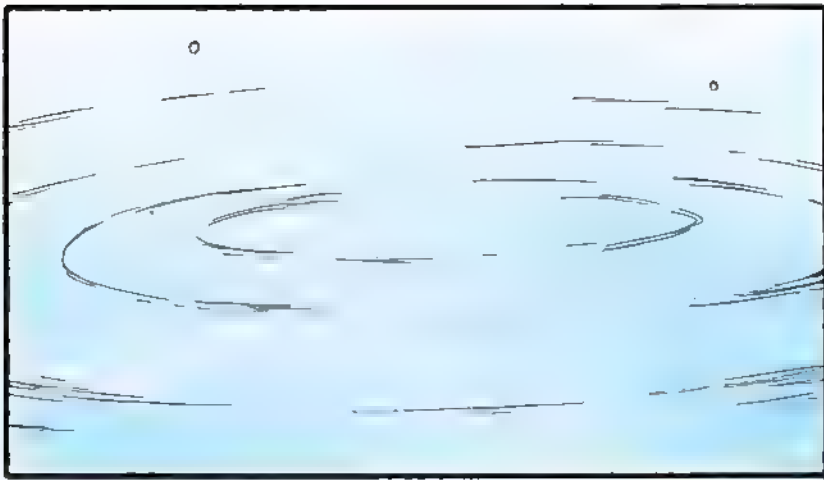
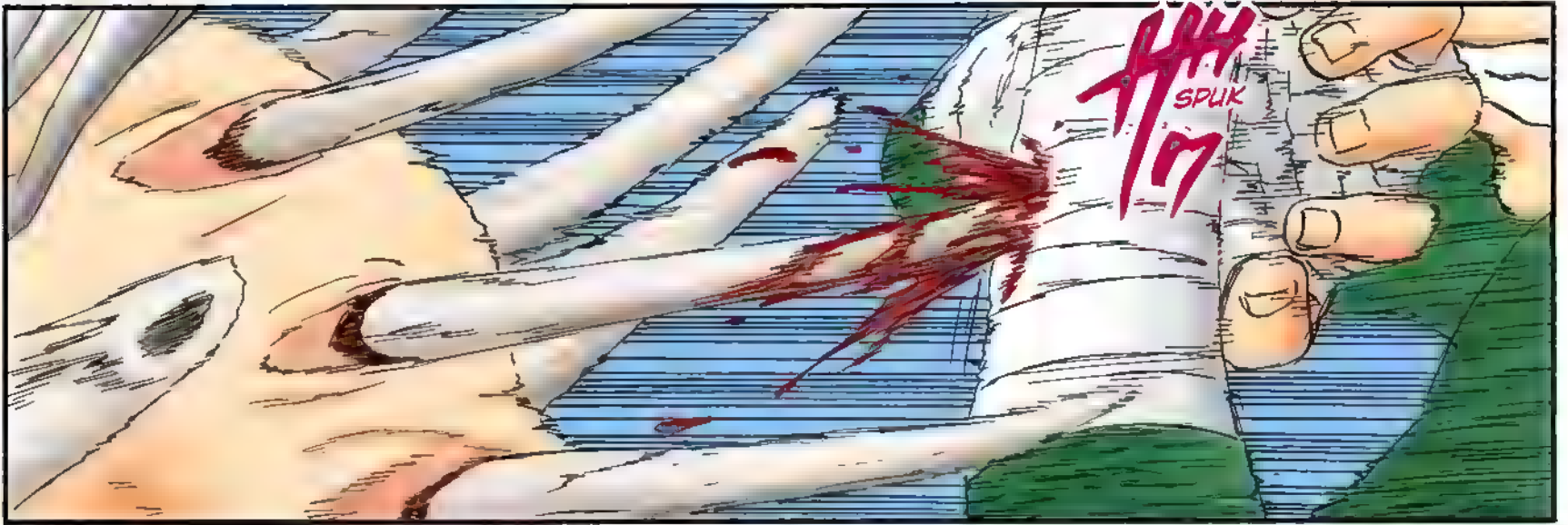
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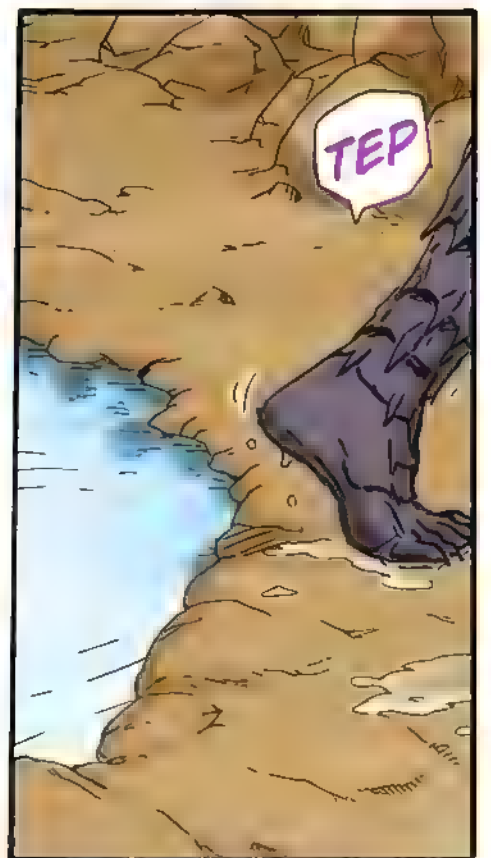
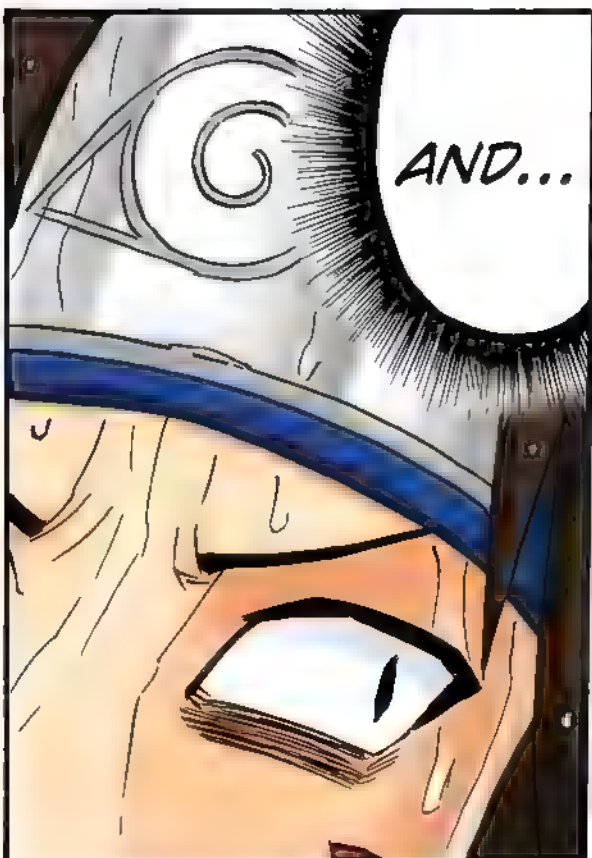
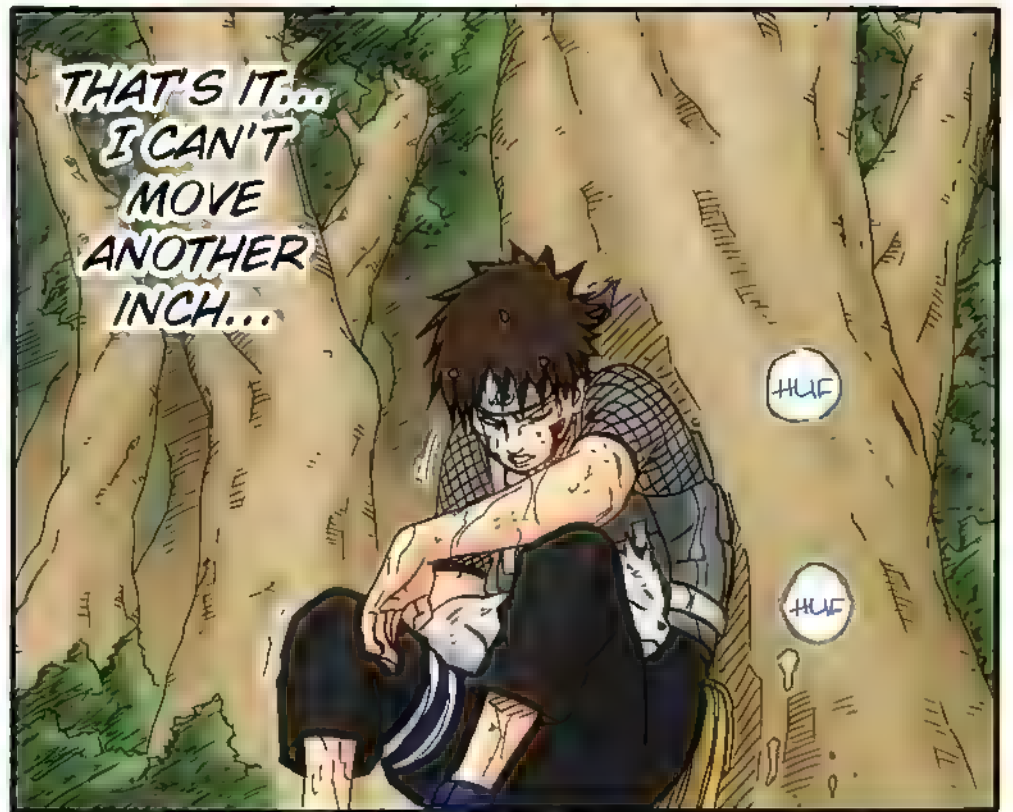


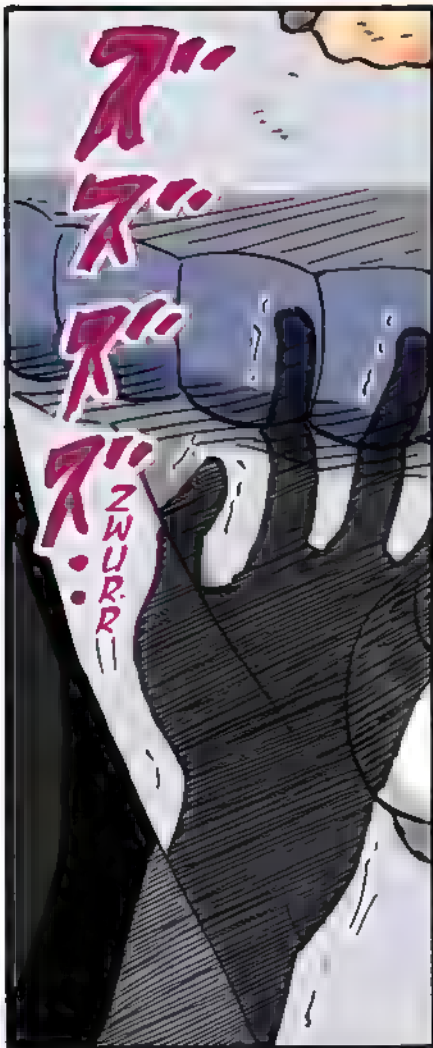
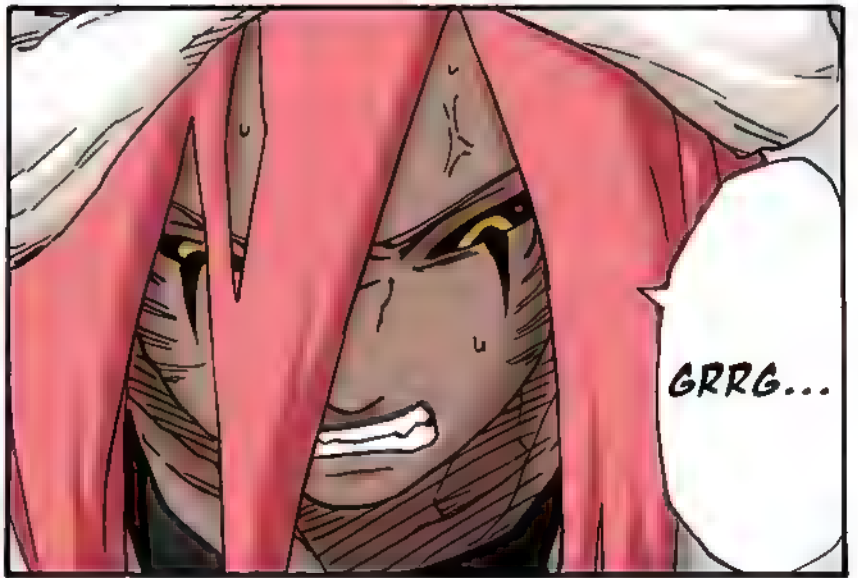
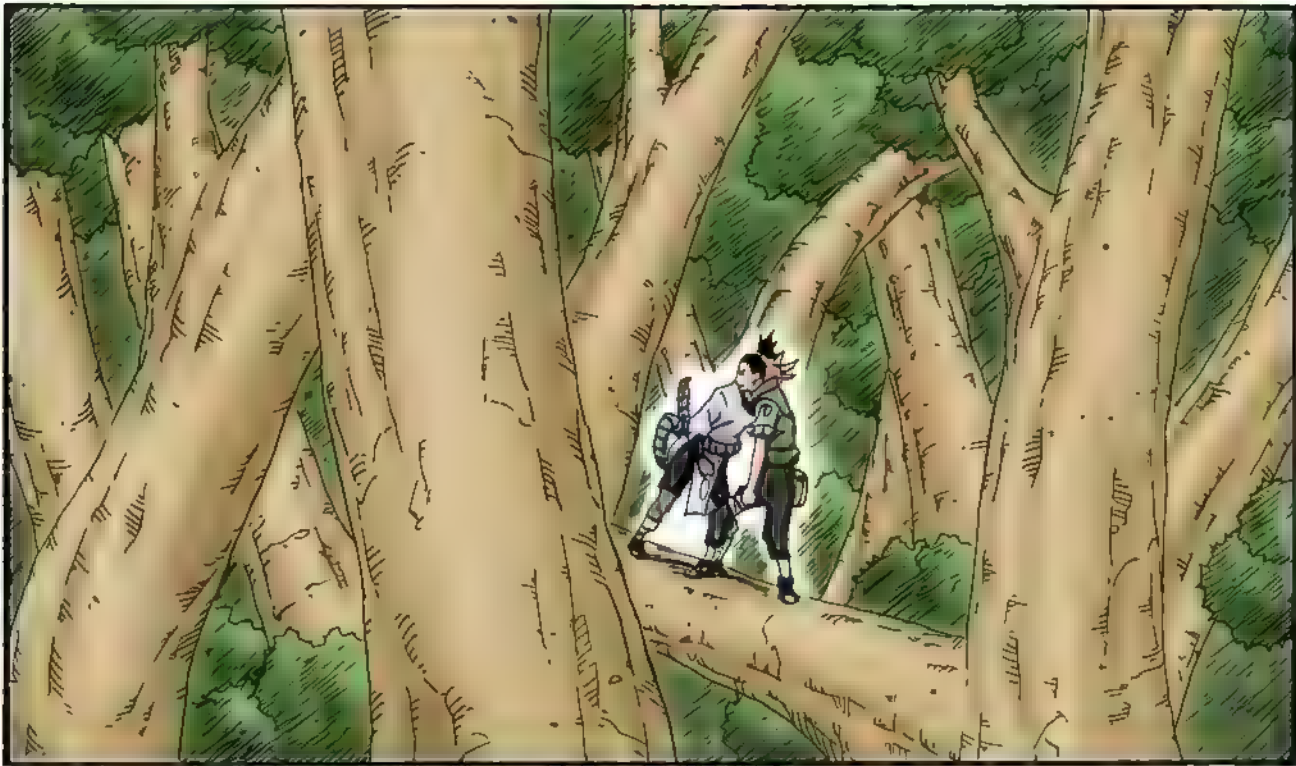


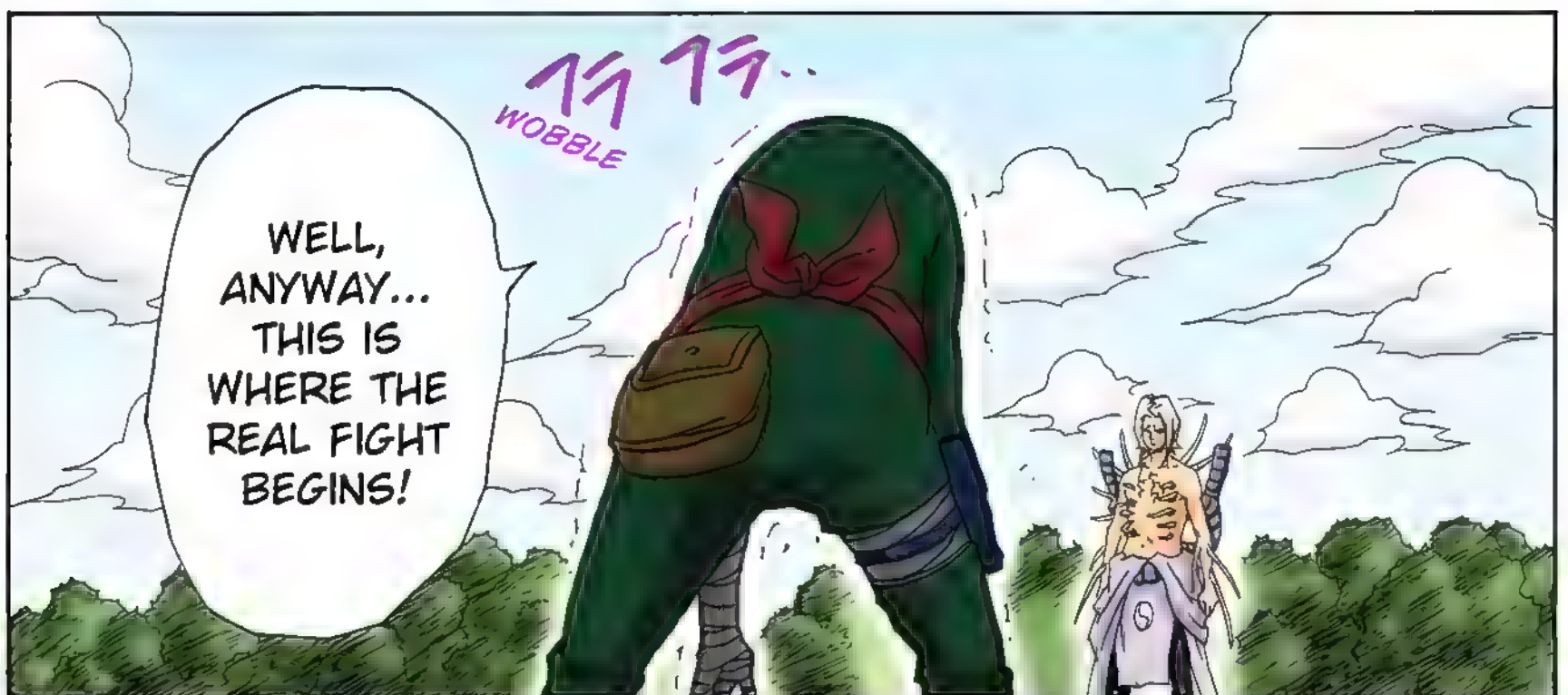
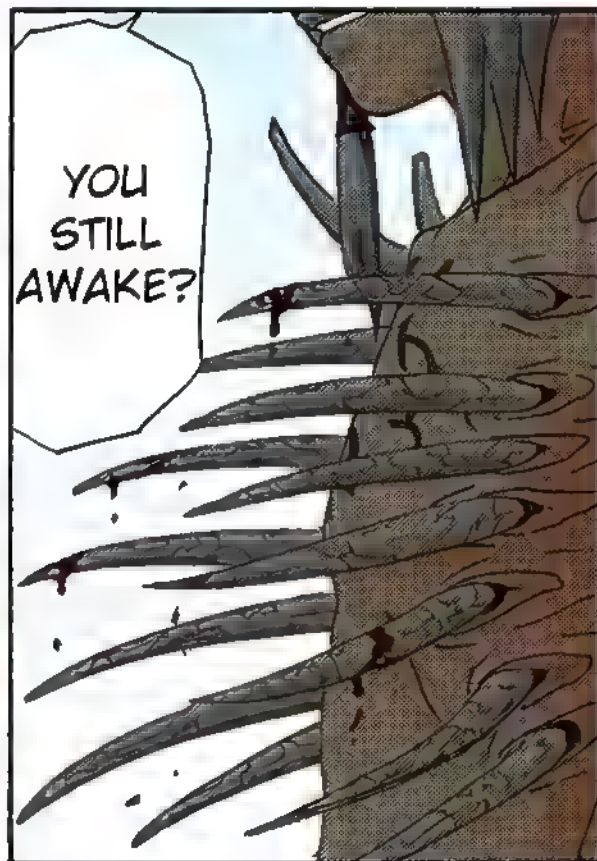


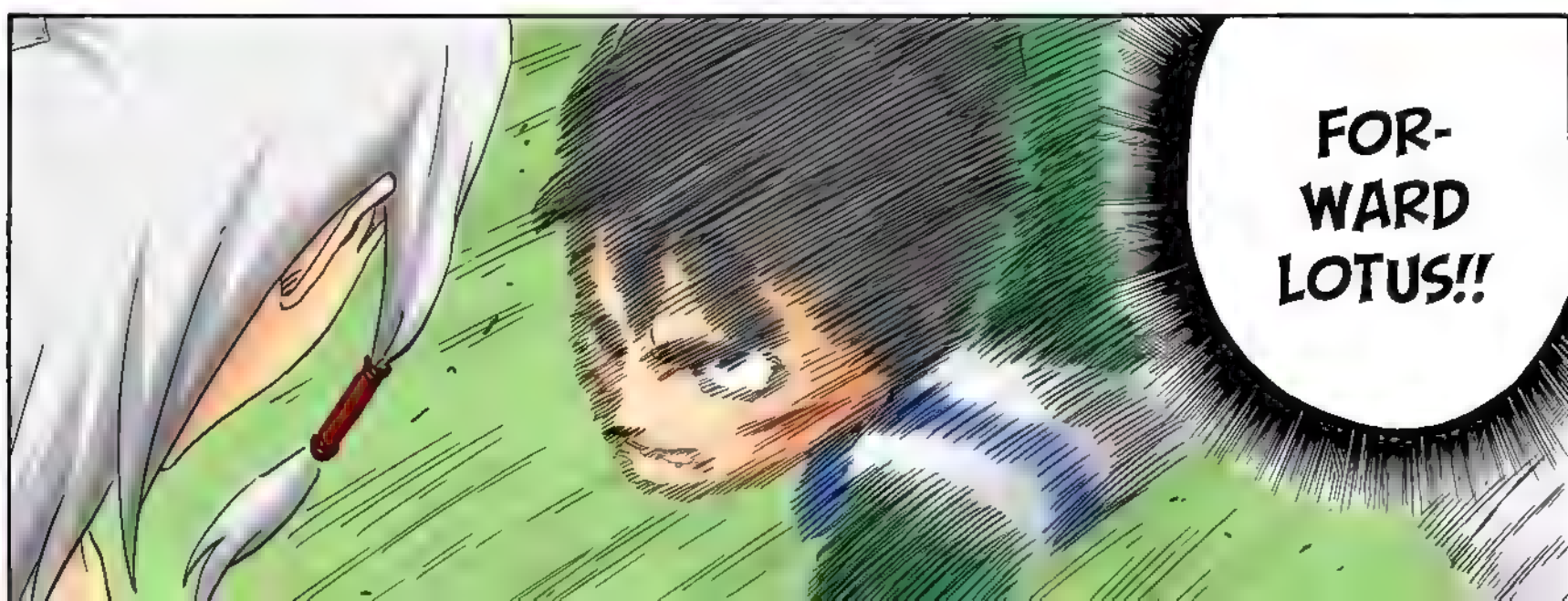
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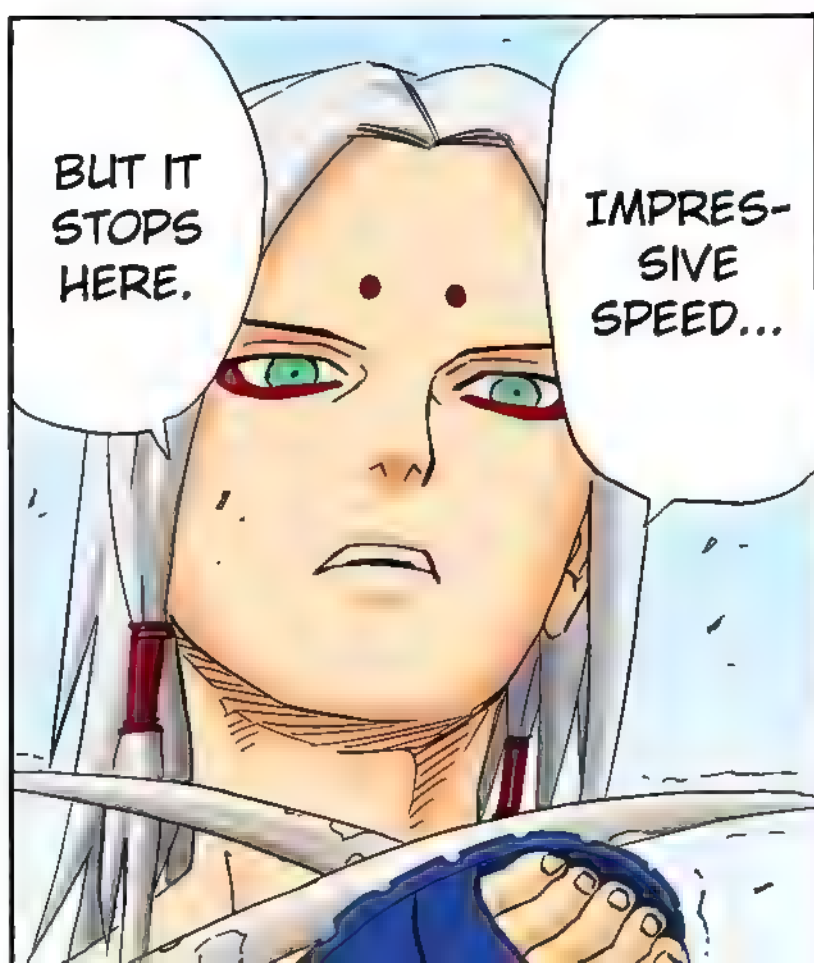
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WITH
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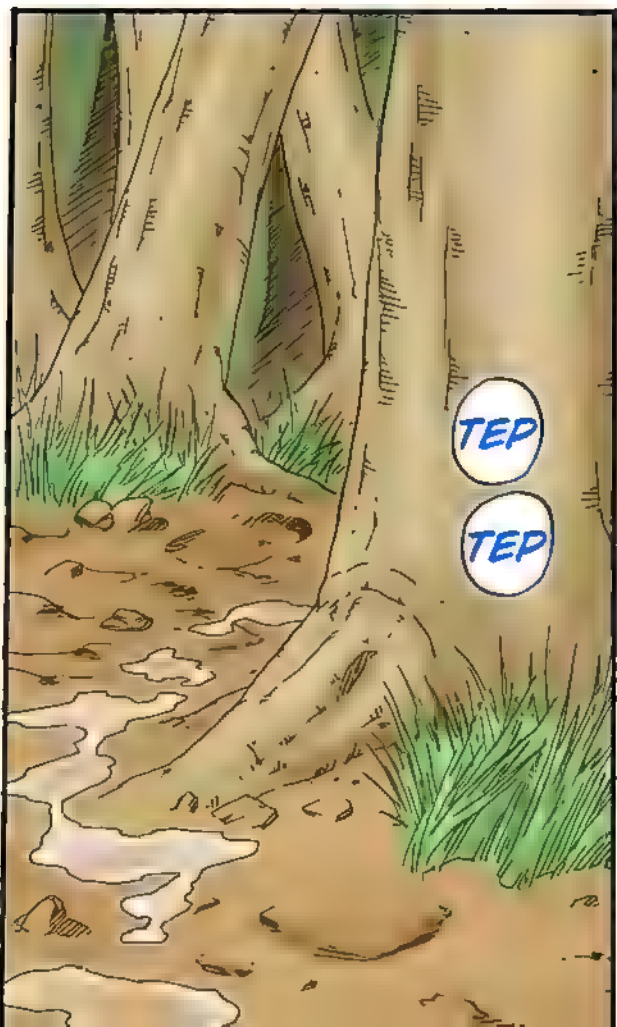
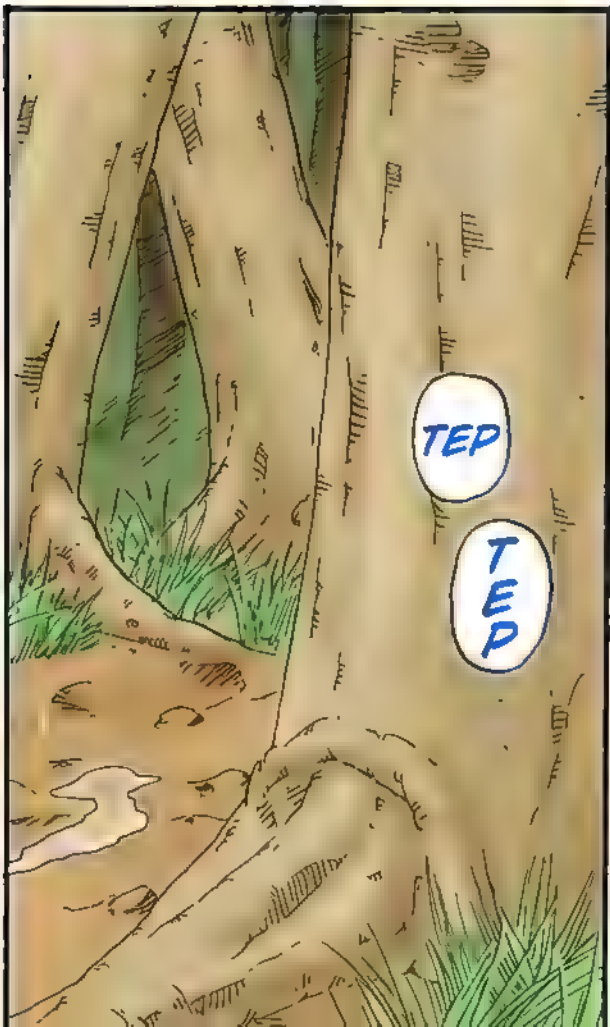
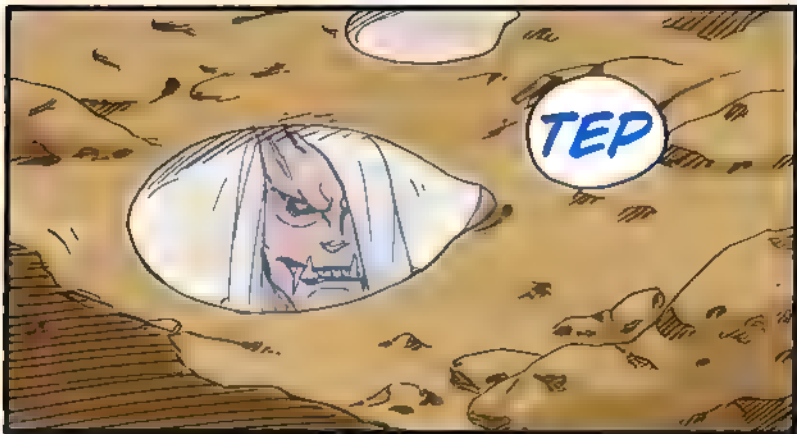
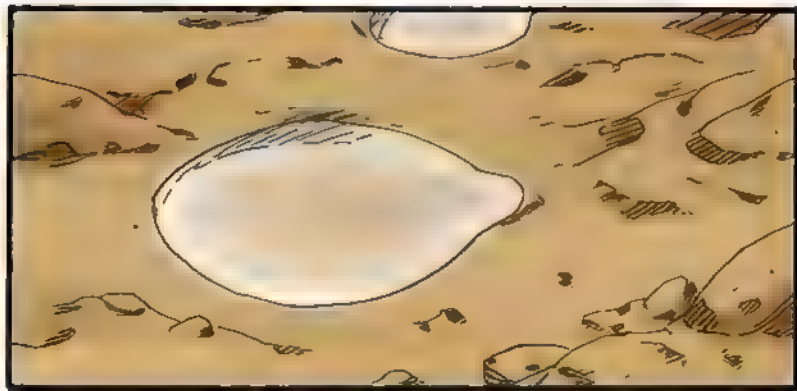
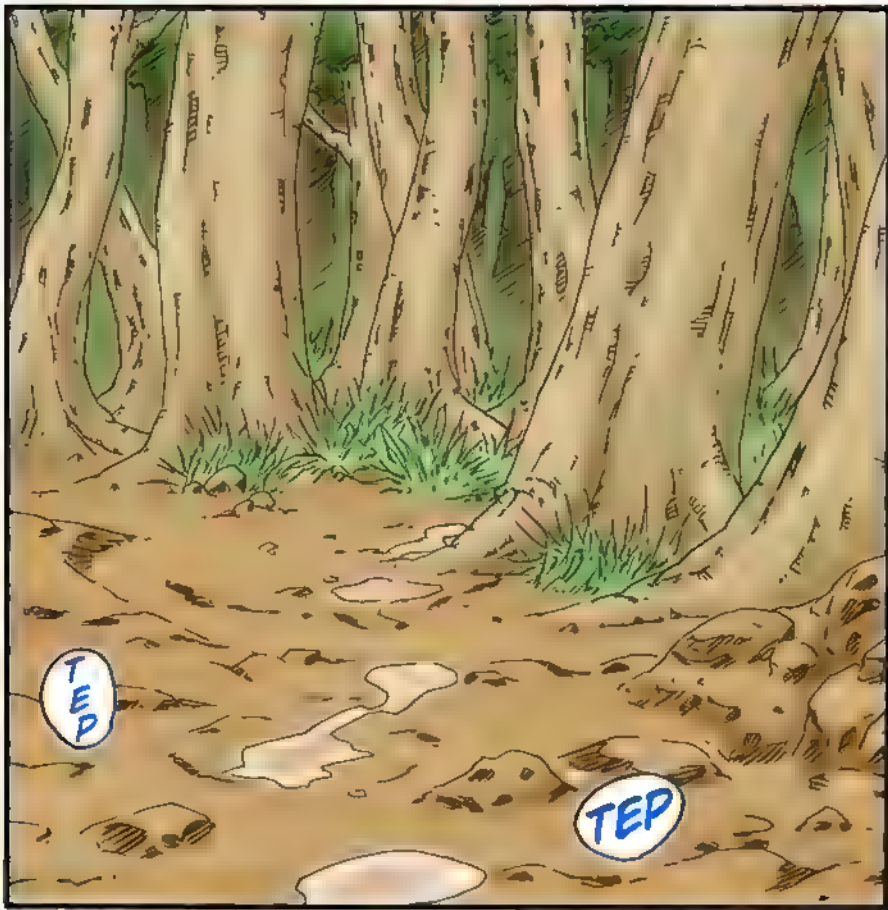
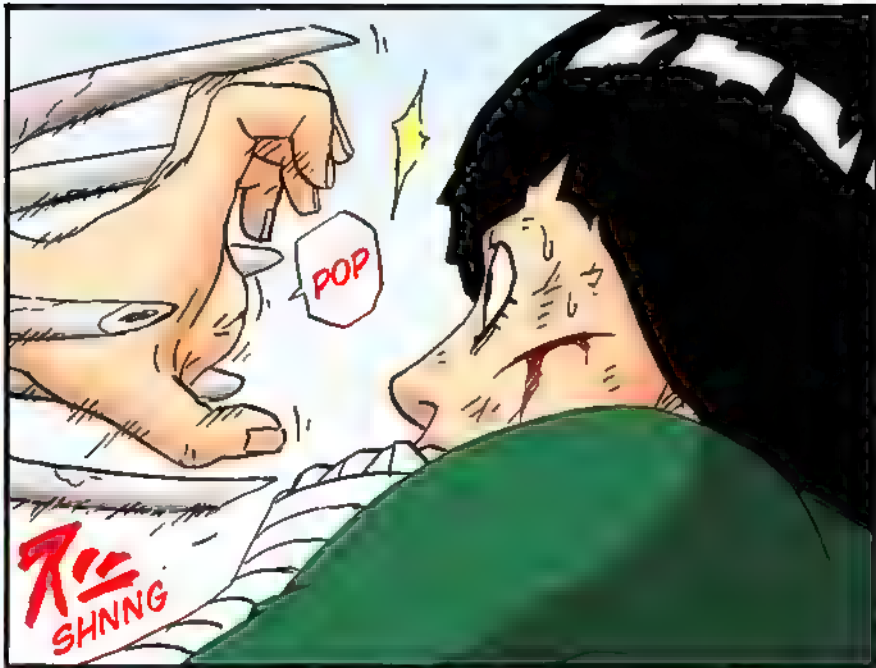
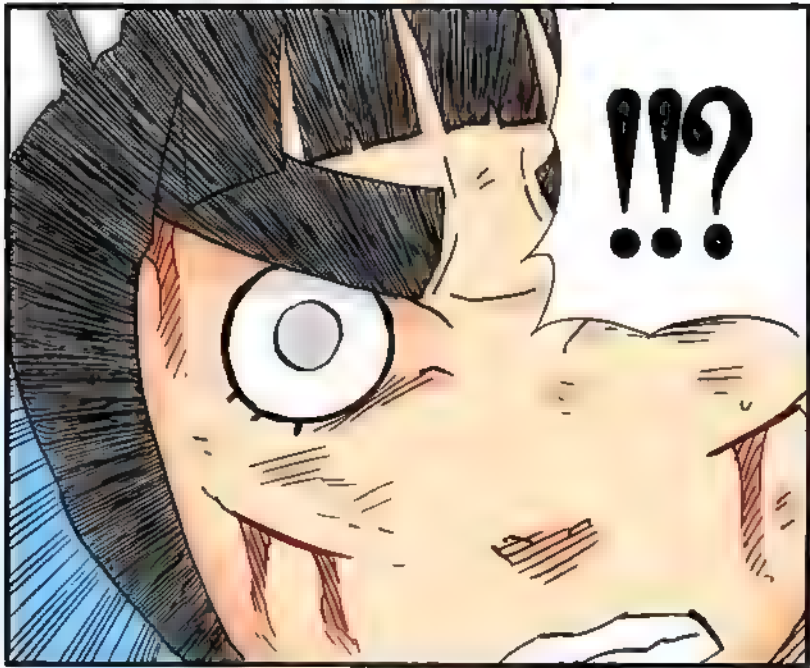


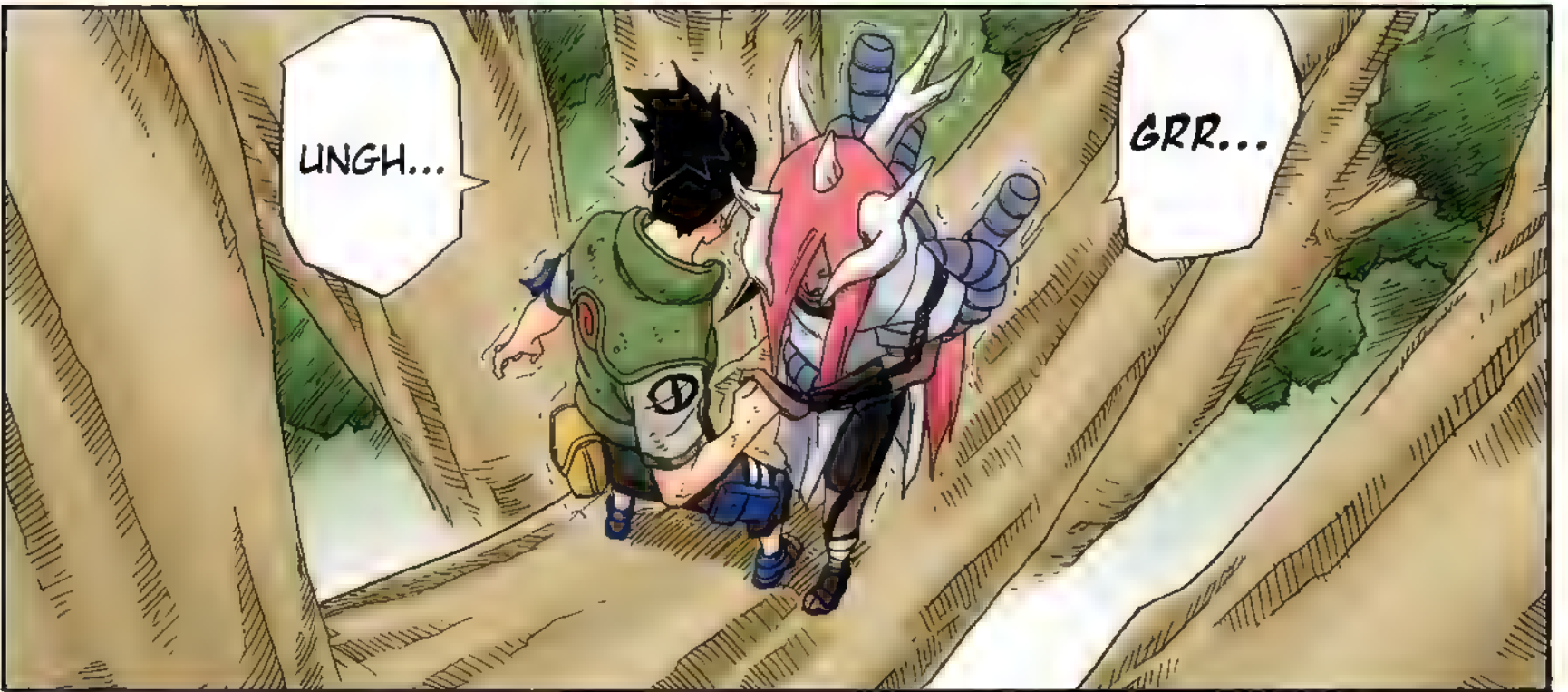
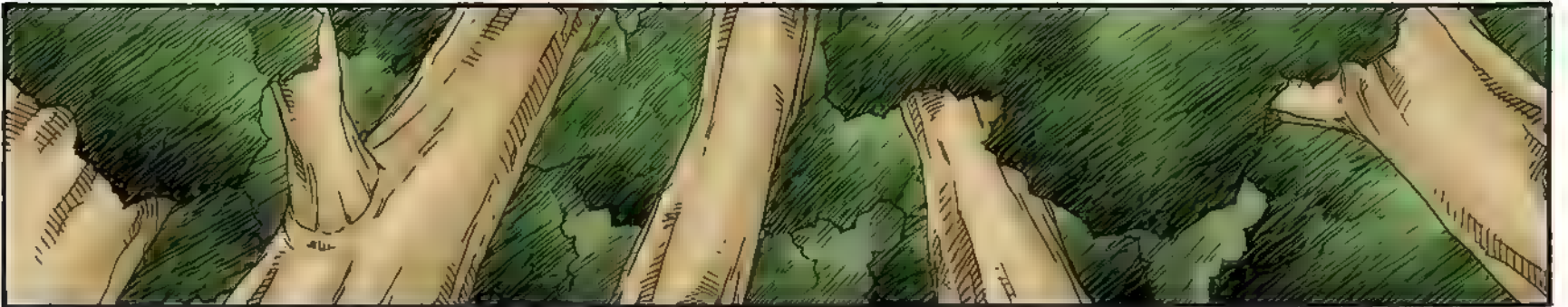
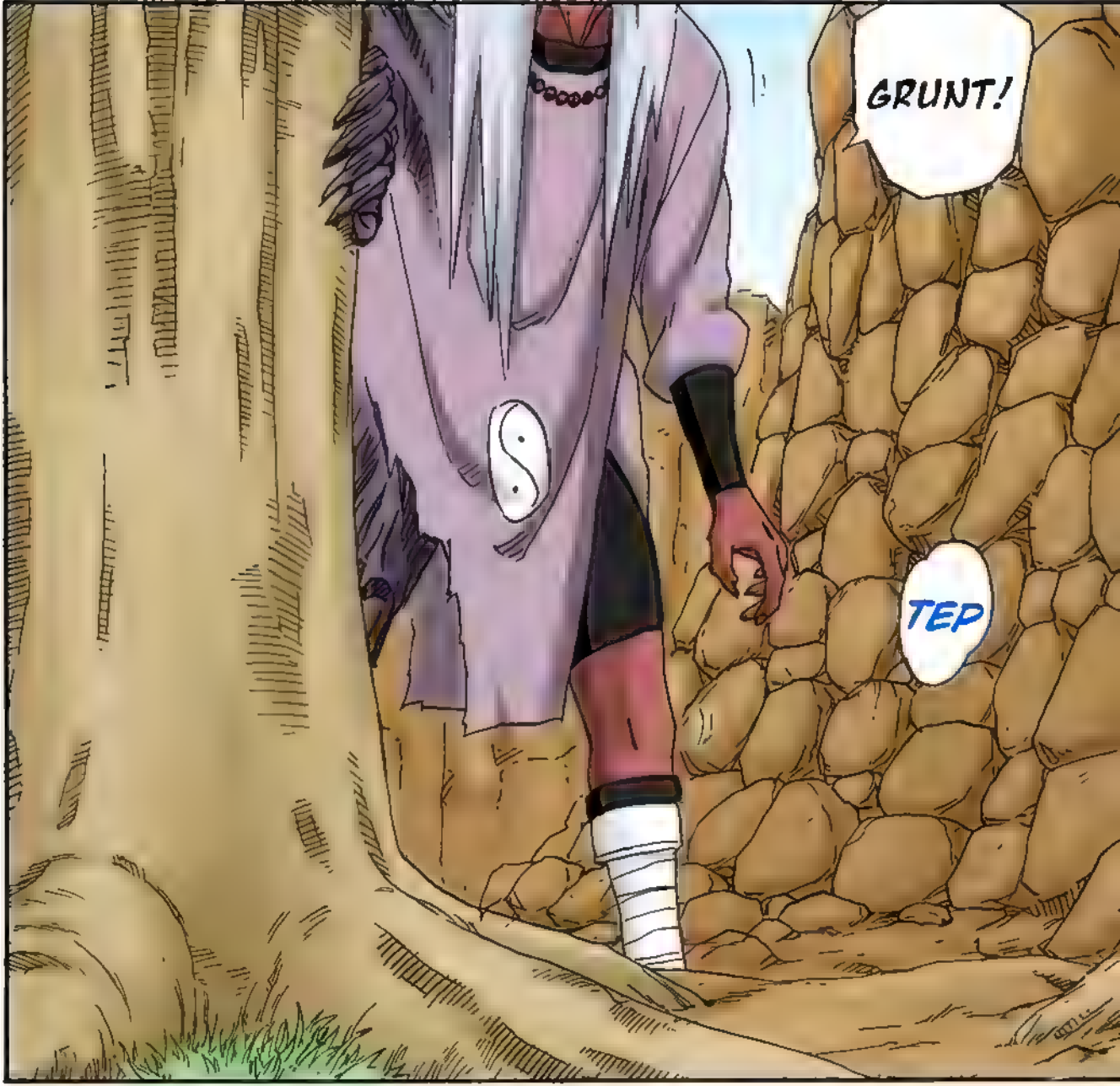
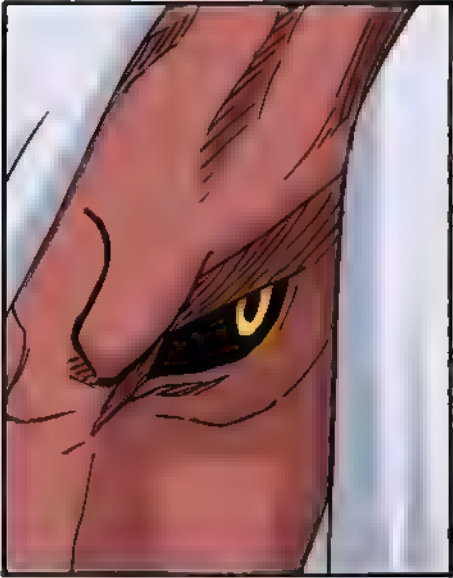






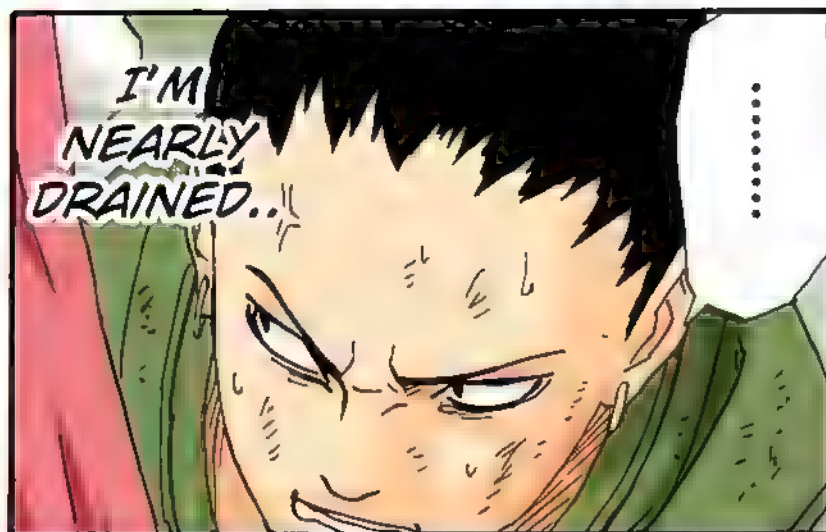








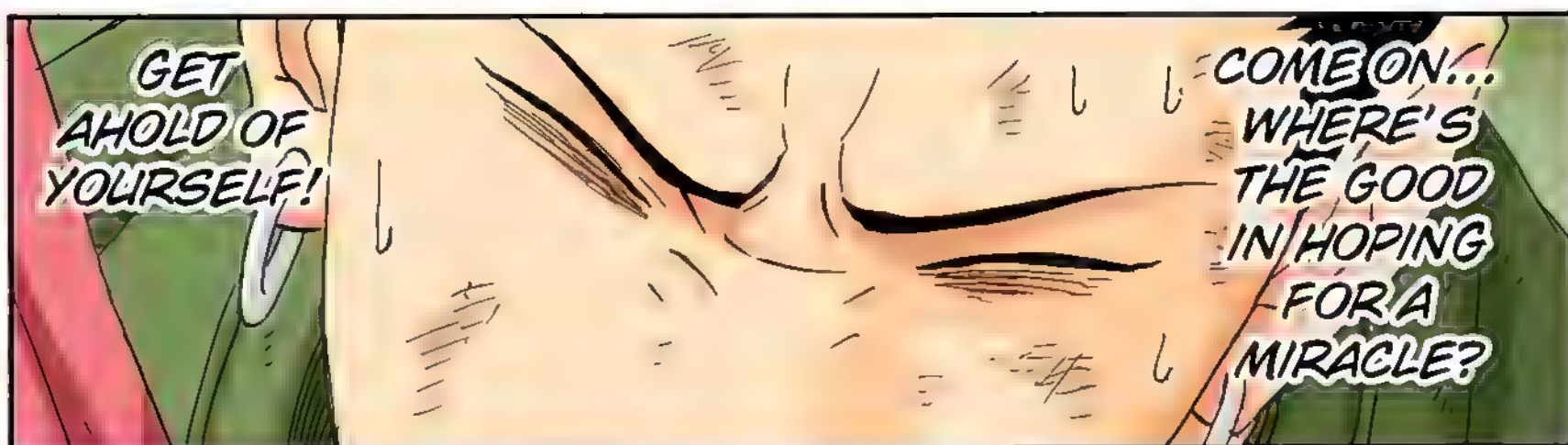
THERE'S NO
ONE COMING
FOR ME.
IT'S NOT LIKE
THAT TIME
WITH MASTER
ASUMA...



I'M
NEARLY
DRAINED...



JUST A
LITTLE
MORE...
SCUMBAG!



GET
AHOLD OF
YOURSELF!

COME ON...
WHERE'S
THE GOOD
IN HOPING
FOR A
MIRACLE?



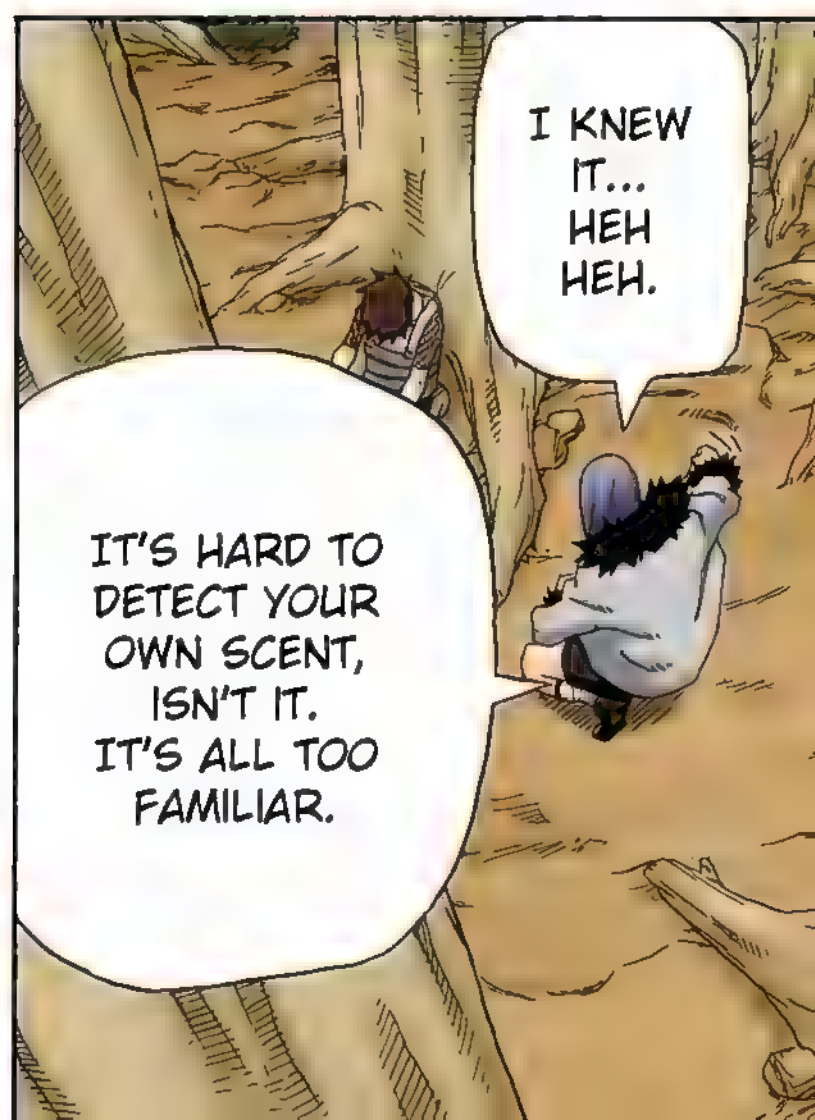
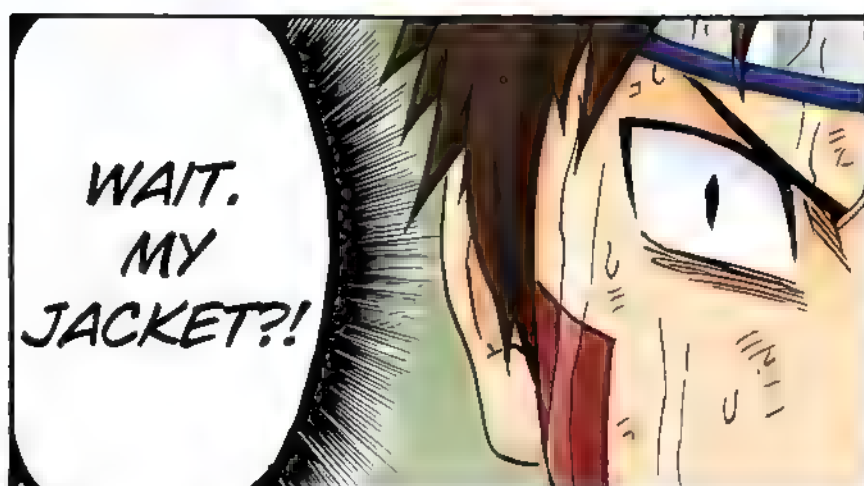
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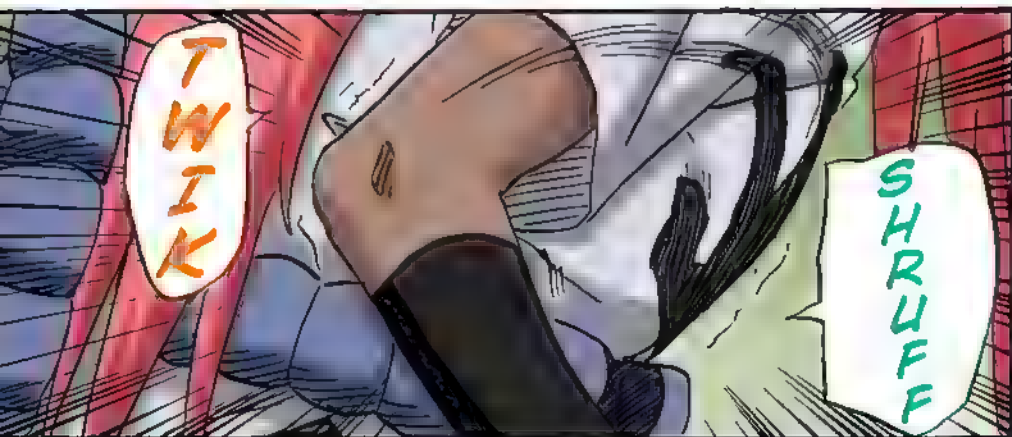
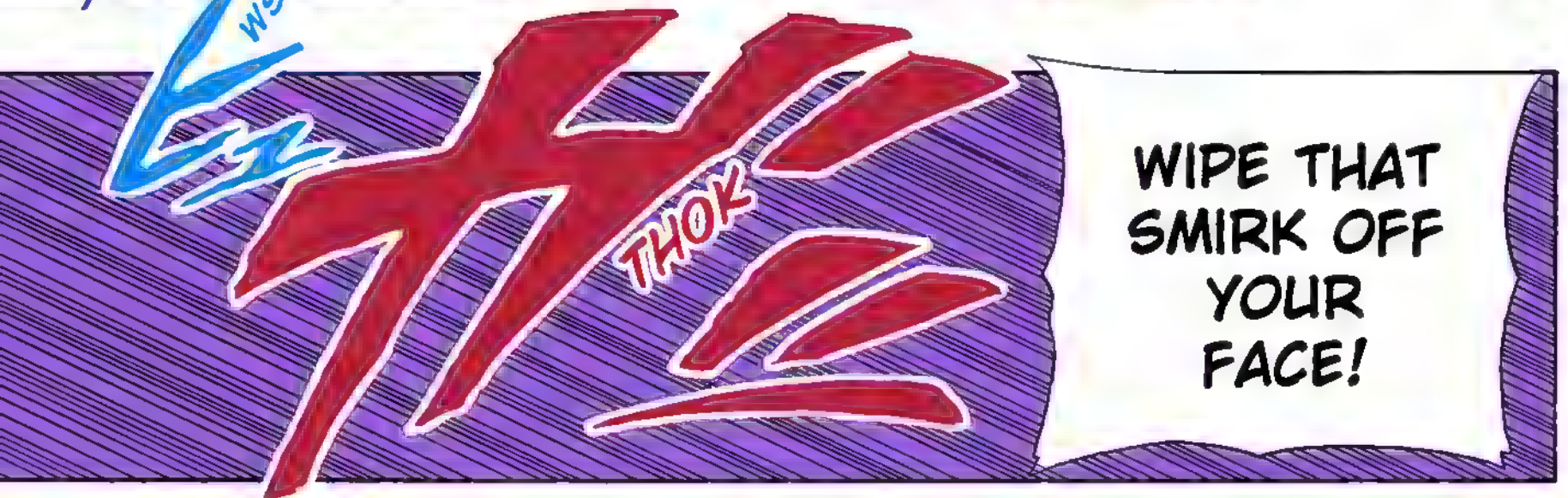
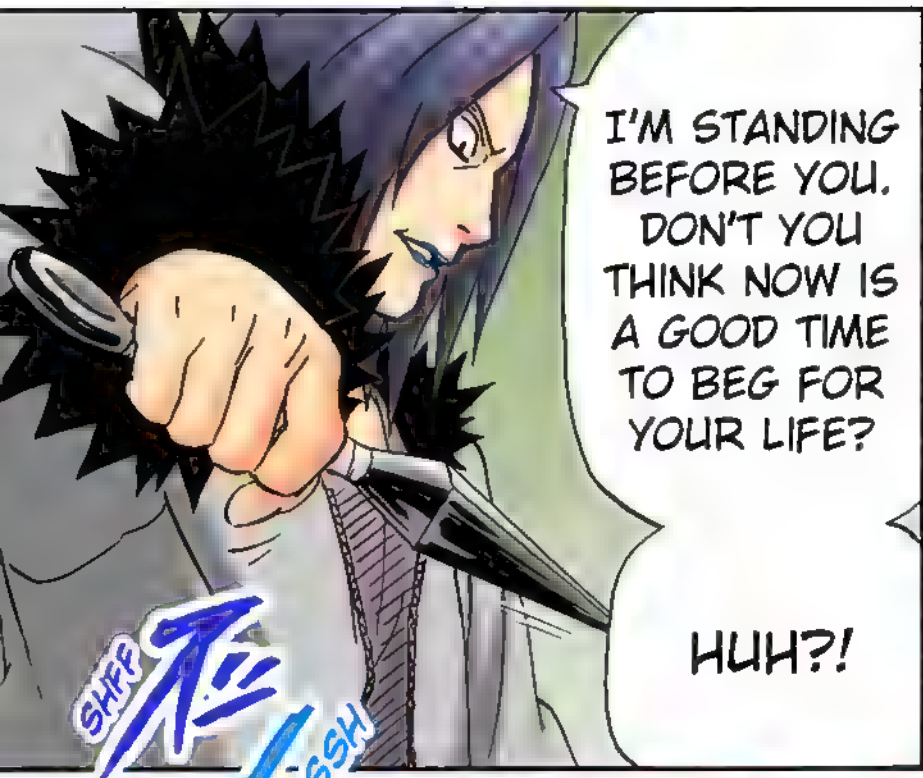
HIS
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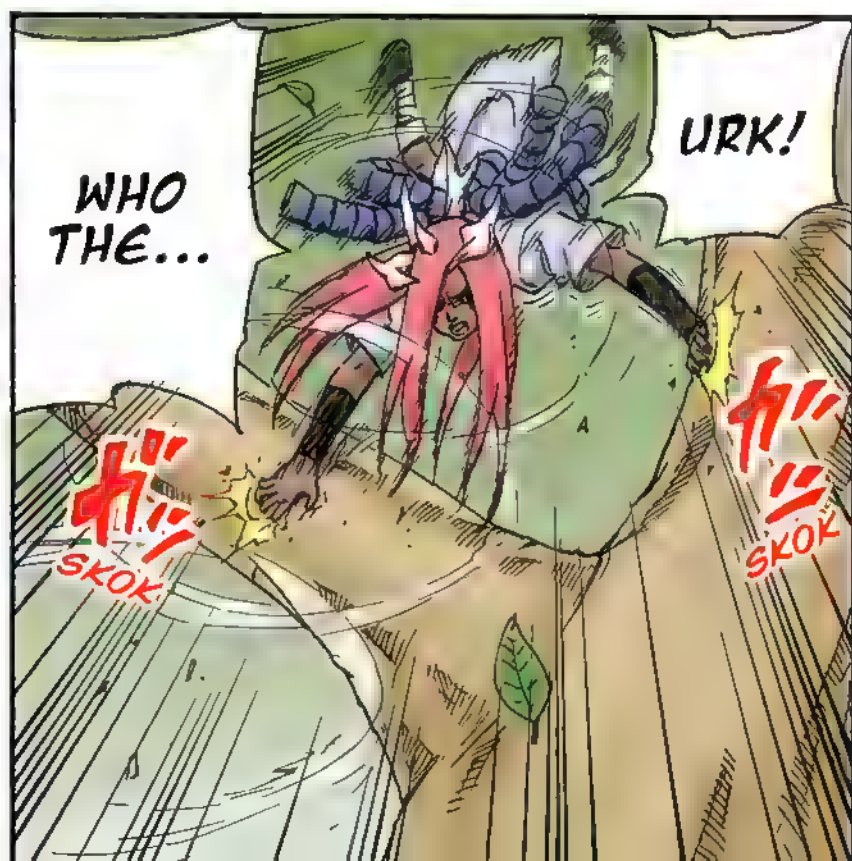


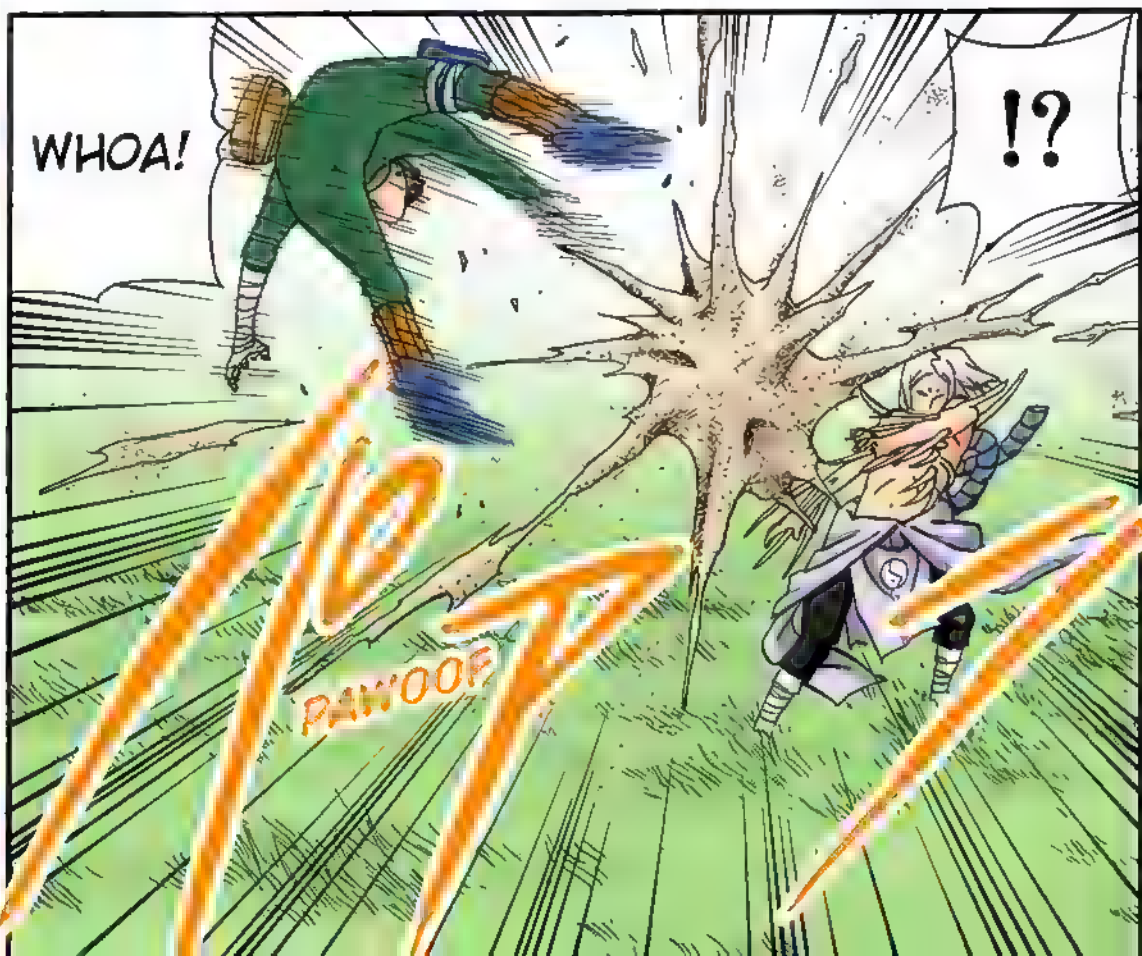
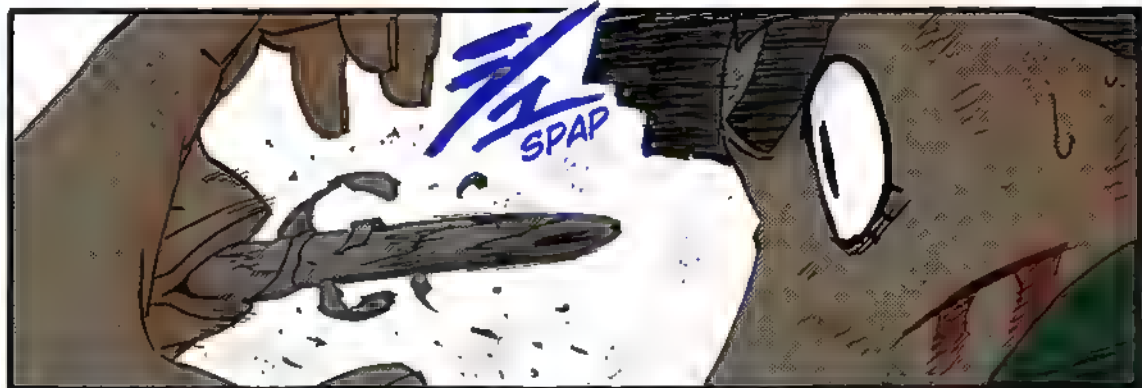
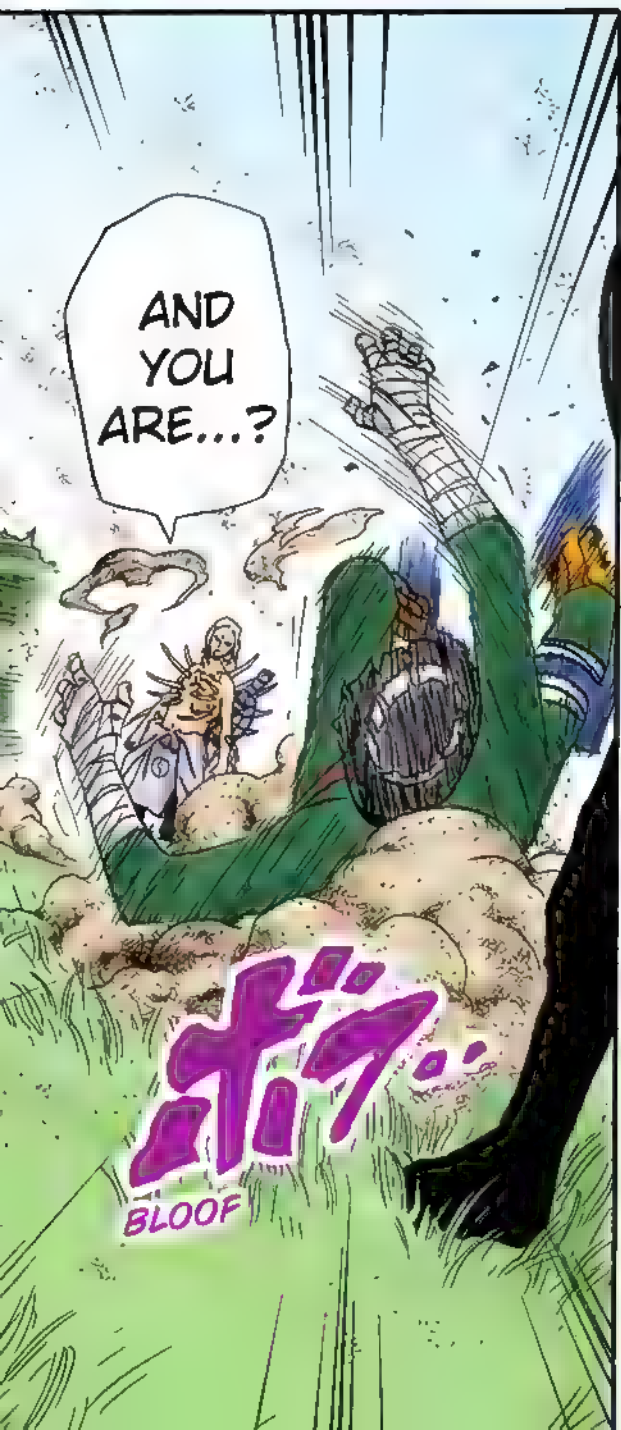
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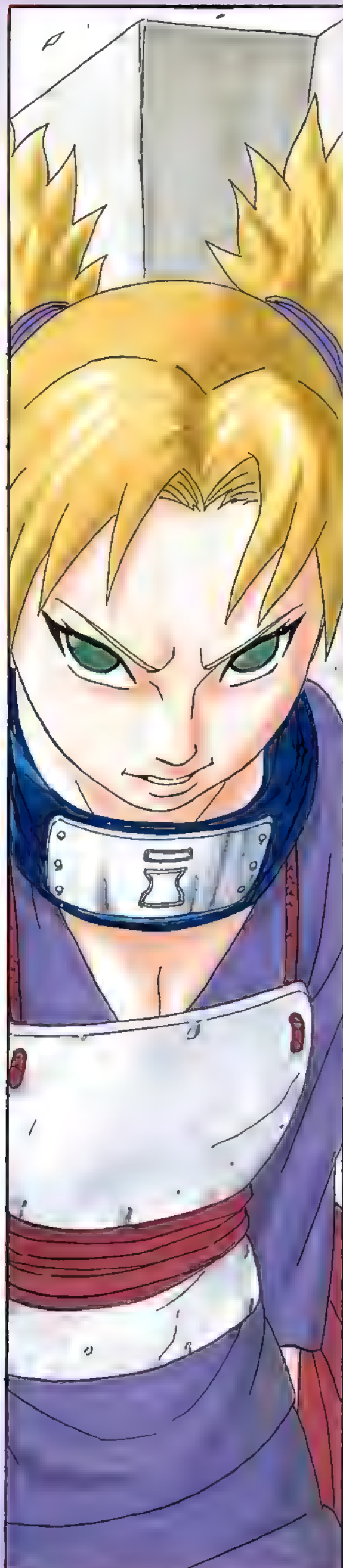
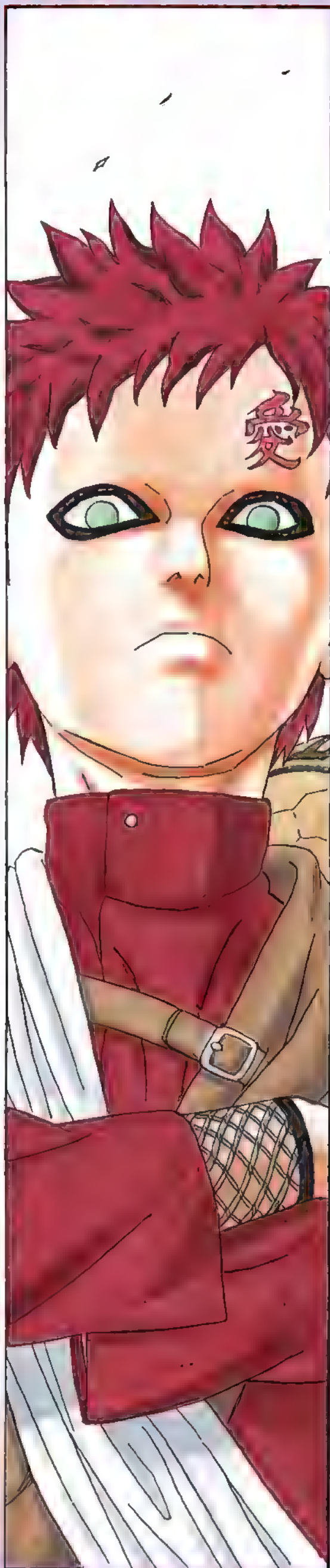
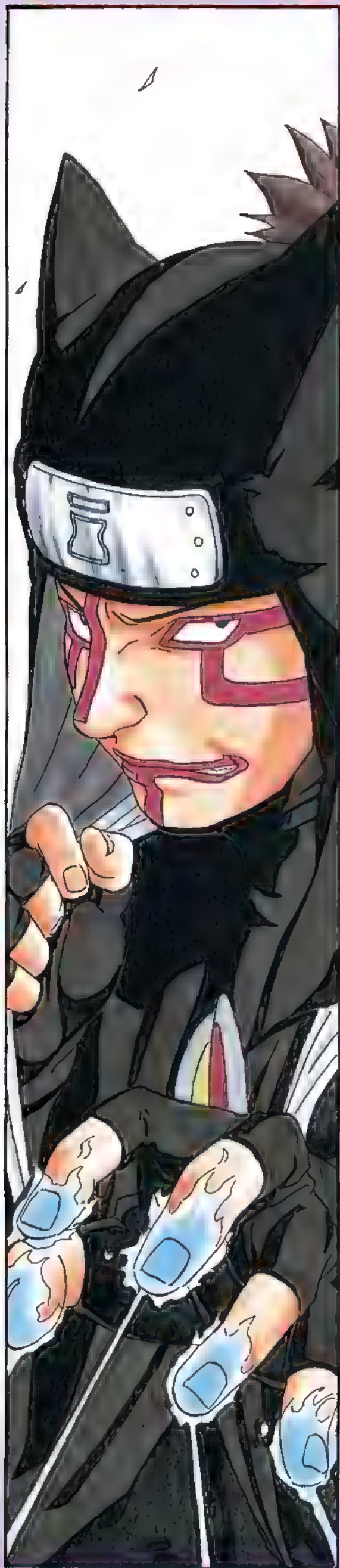
THE
SAND...



TEP

ALLIES
OF
KONOHA.

213: 大きな借り...!!



CHAPTER 213: DEBT...!!

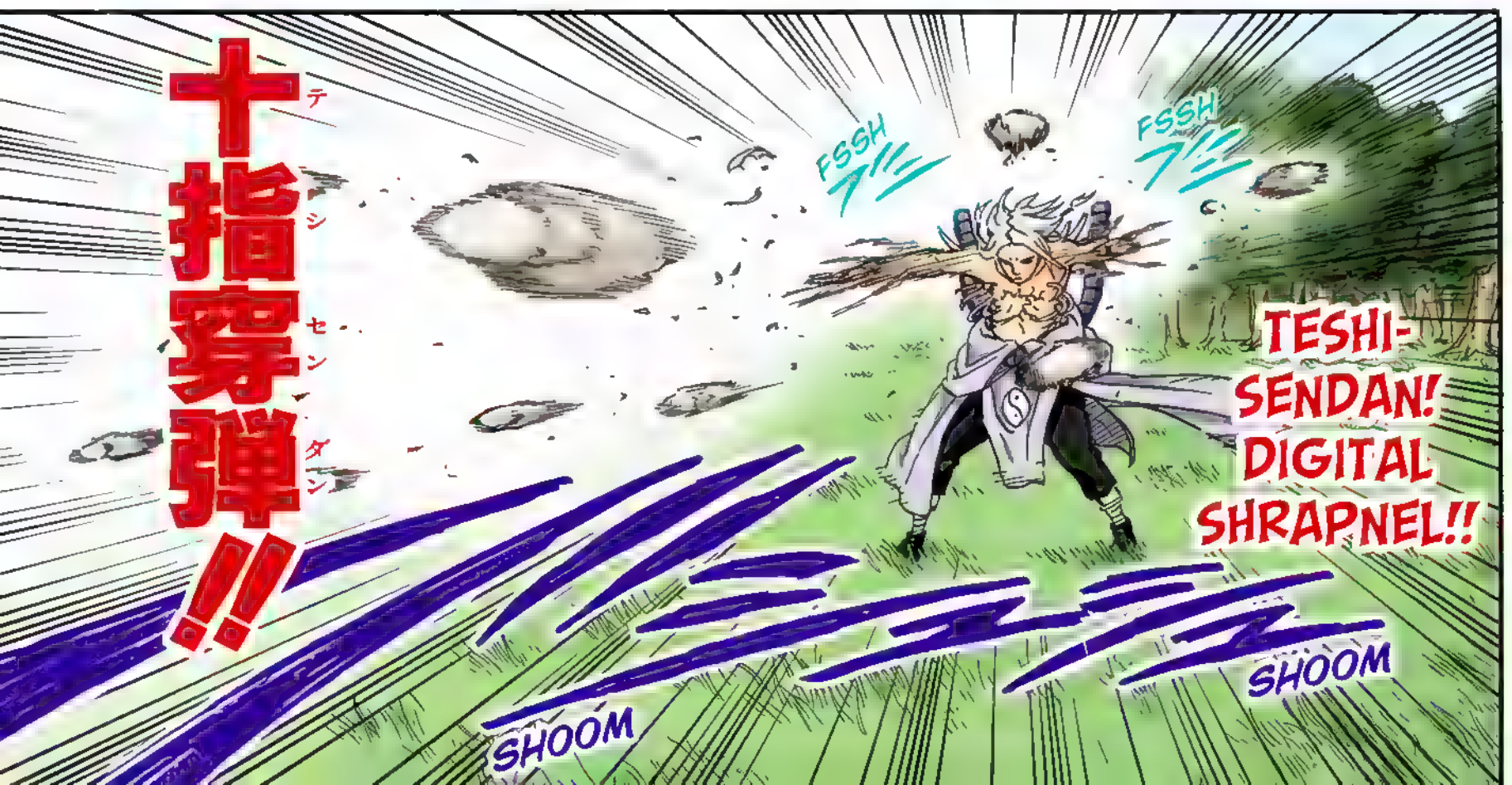
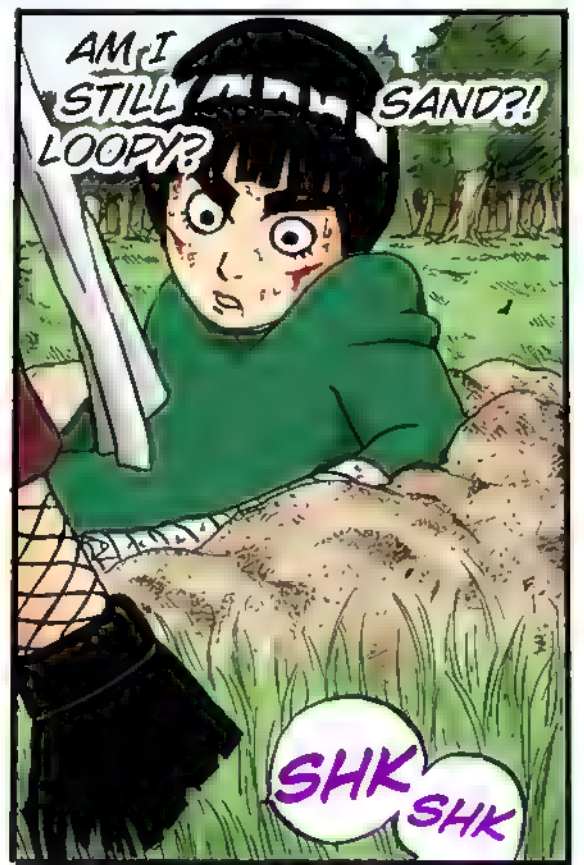
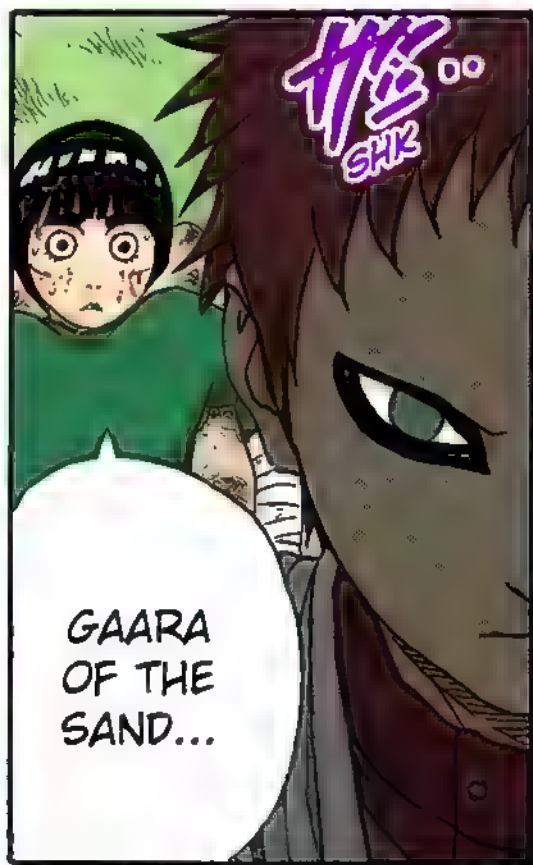
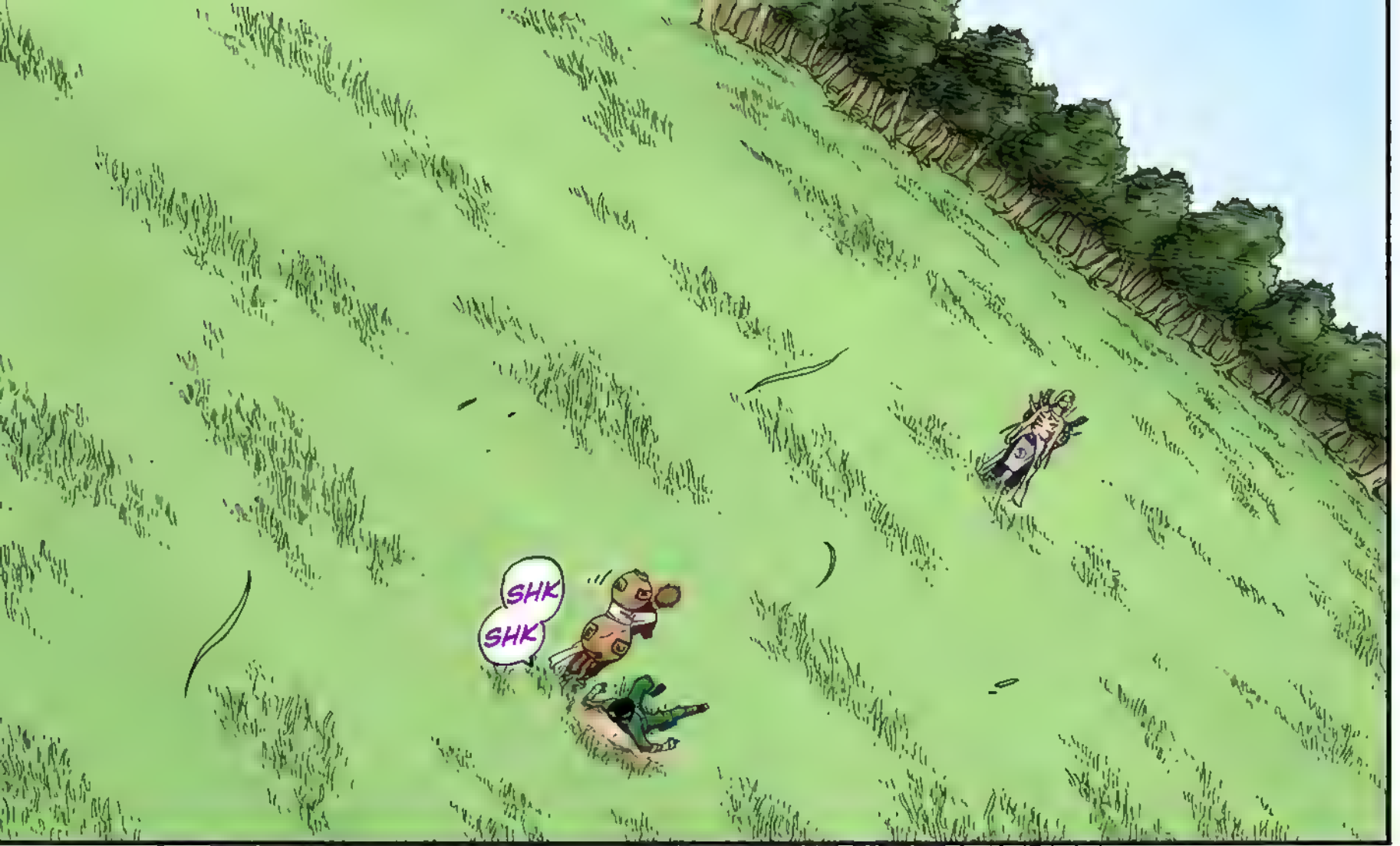


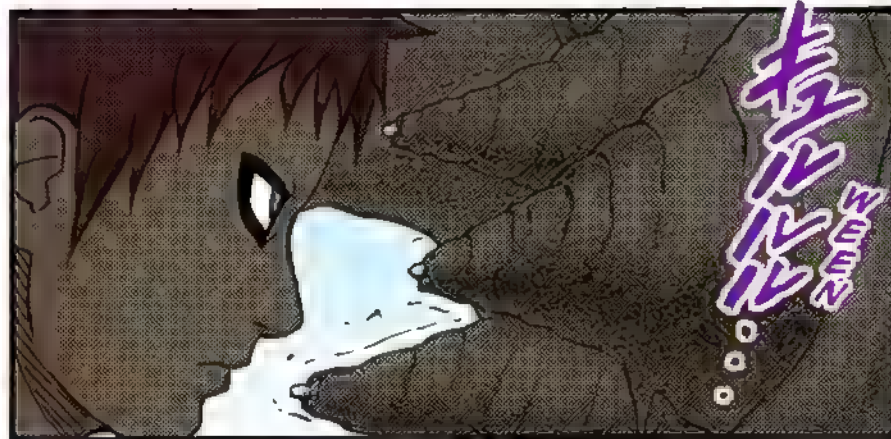
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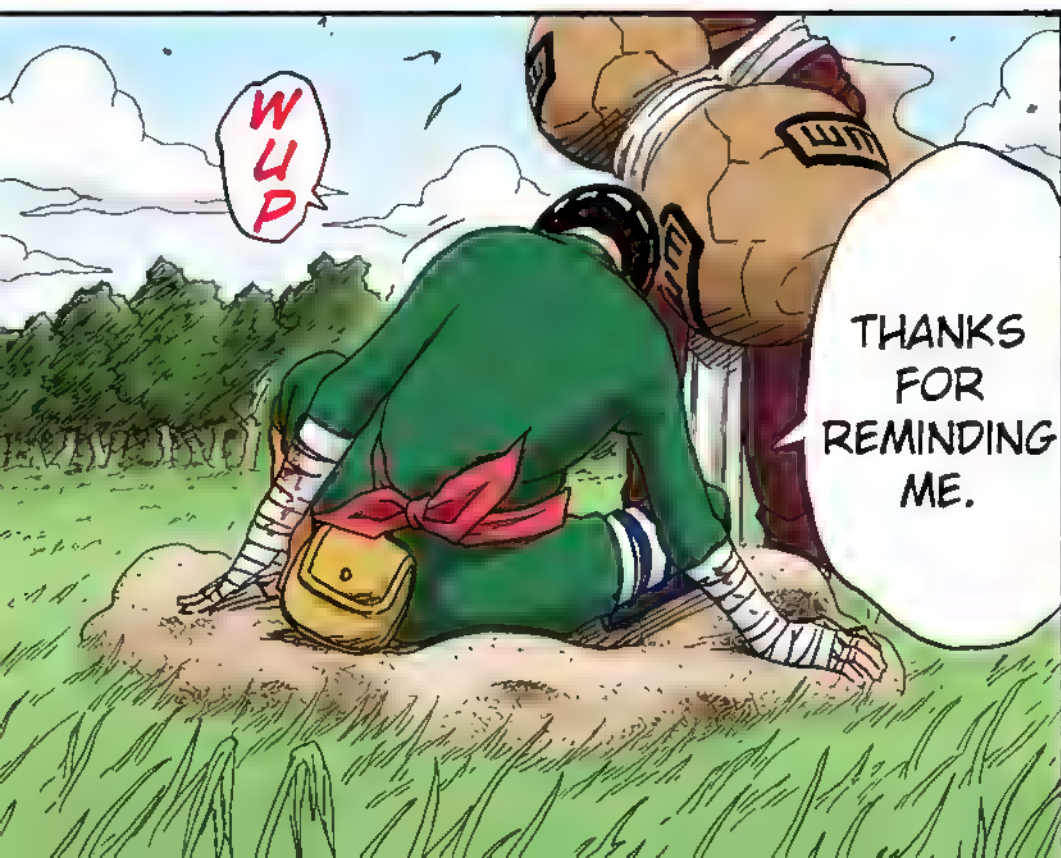
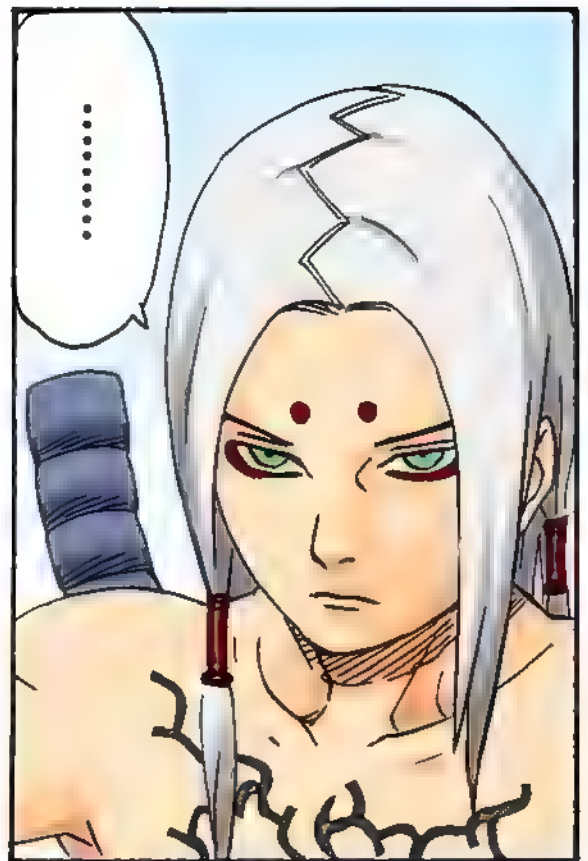
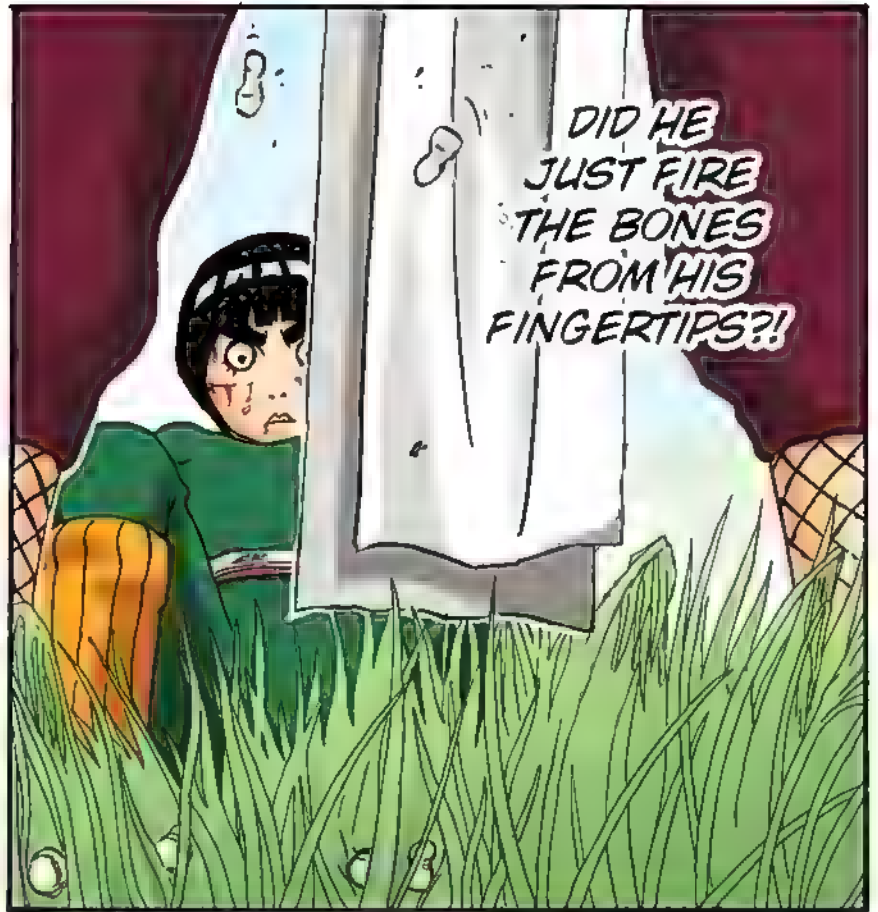
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大きな借り...!!

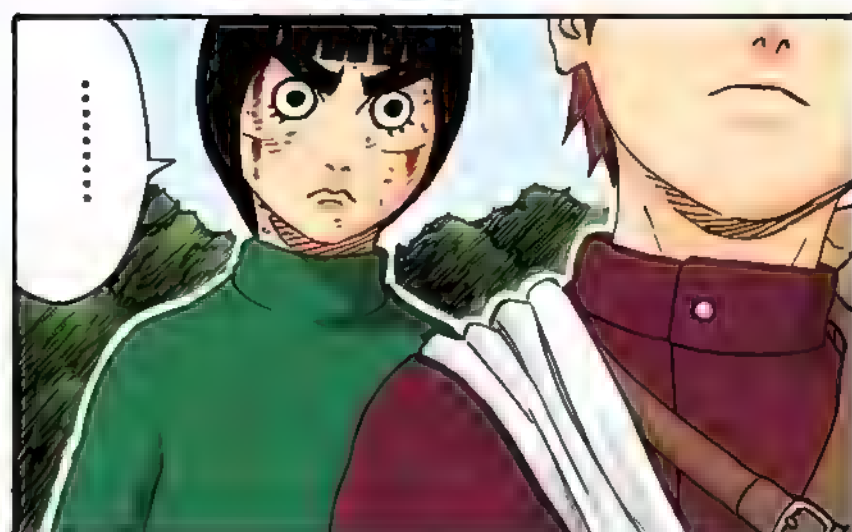
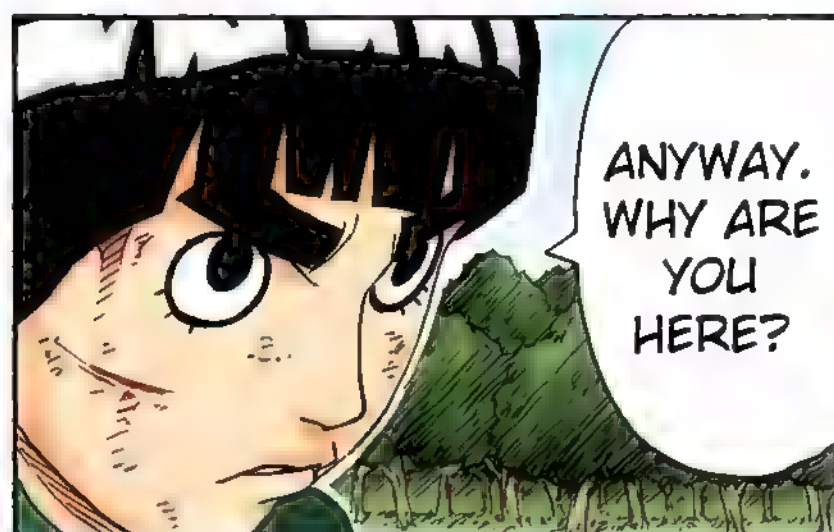
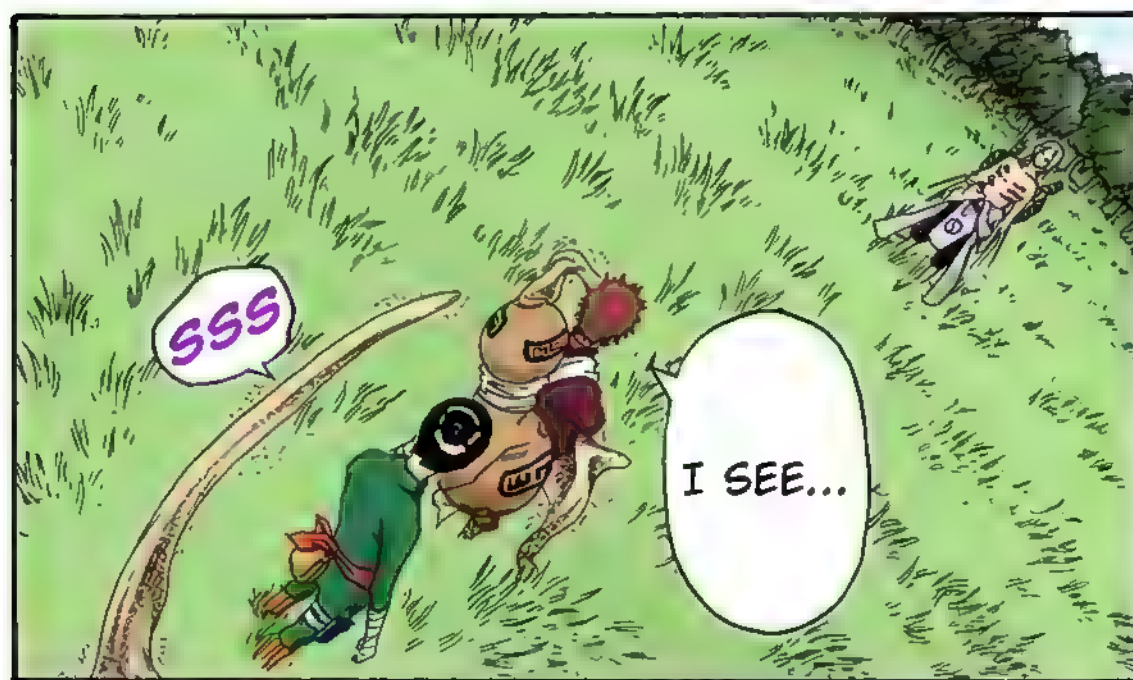
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-ナルト-

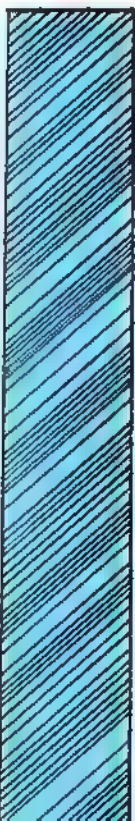


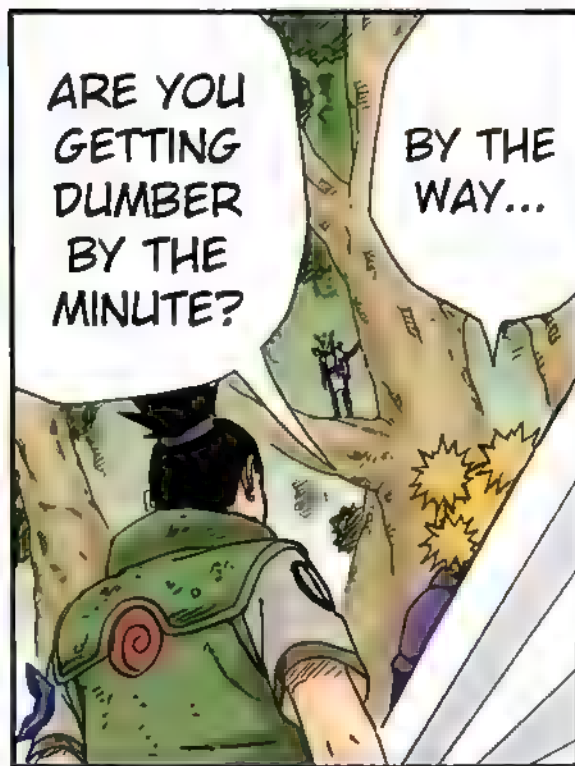
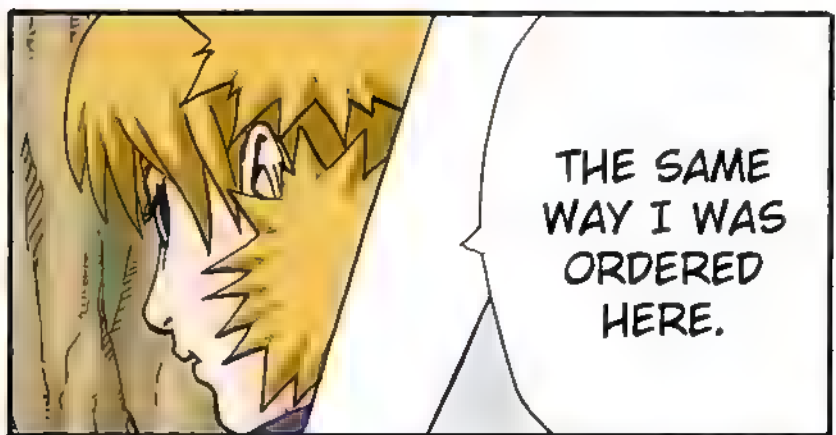
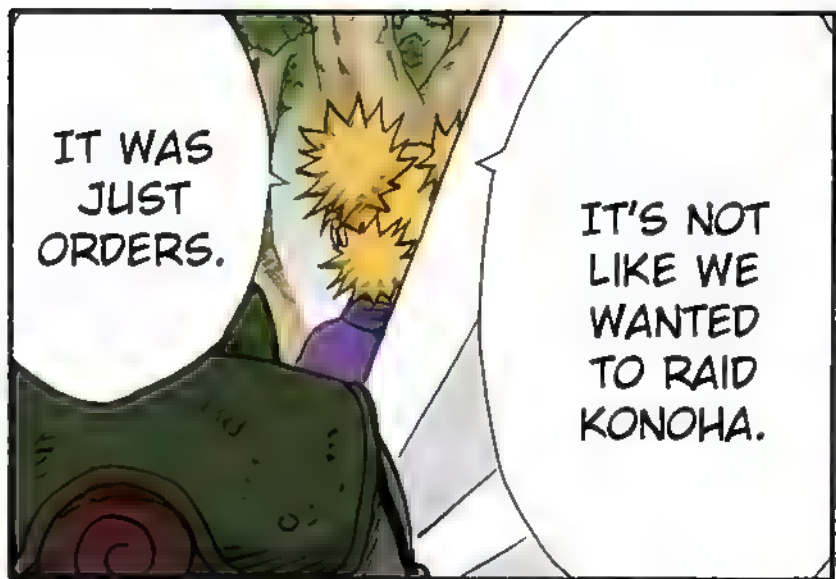














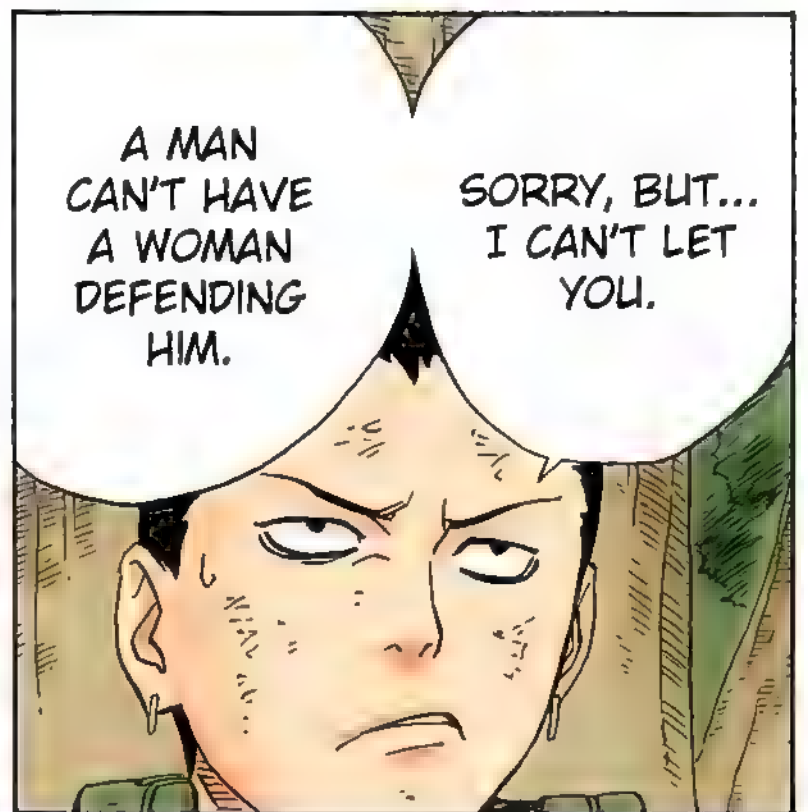
I CAN
TAKE
CARE OF
HER, YOU
KNOW.

SO YOU
WANNA
PULL OUT
AGAIN?



LOOK,
YOU FOOL,
YOU DON'T
HAVE TO
POSE FOR
ME. I CAN
SEE RIGHT
THROUGH
YOU!

HMPH.
STILL
TALKING
ABOUT
MEN THIS,
WOMEN
THAT.



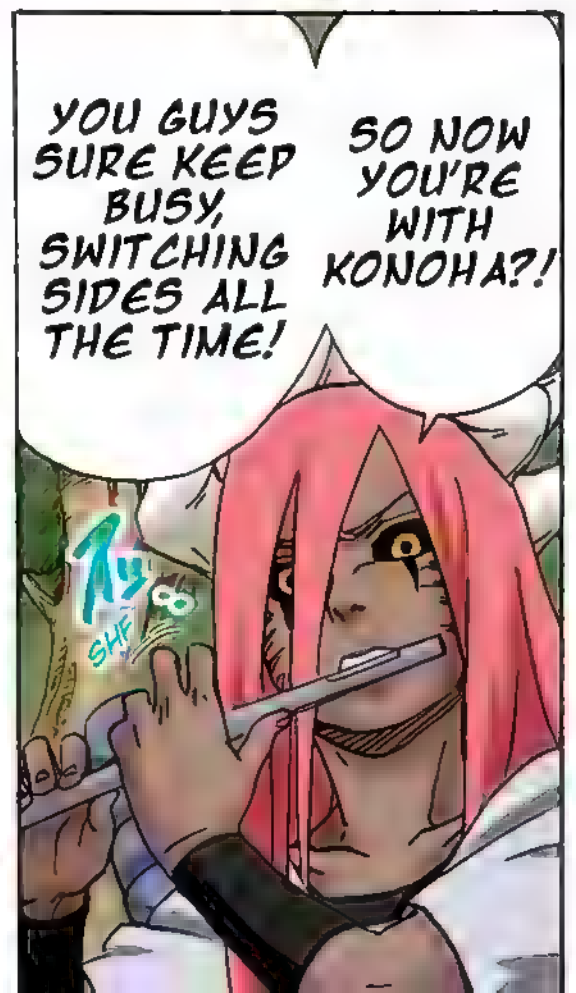
A MAN
CAN'T HAVE
A WOMAN
DEFENDING
HIM.

SORRY, BUT...
I CAN'T LET
YOU.



THAT FLUTE,
IT'S HOW
SHE WIELDS
GENJUTSU.

DUH!



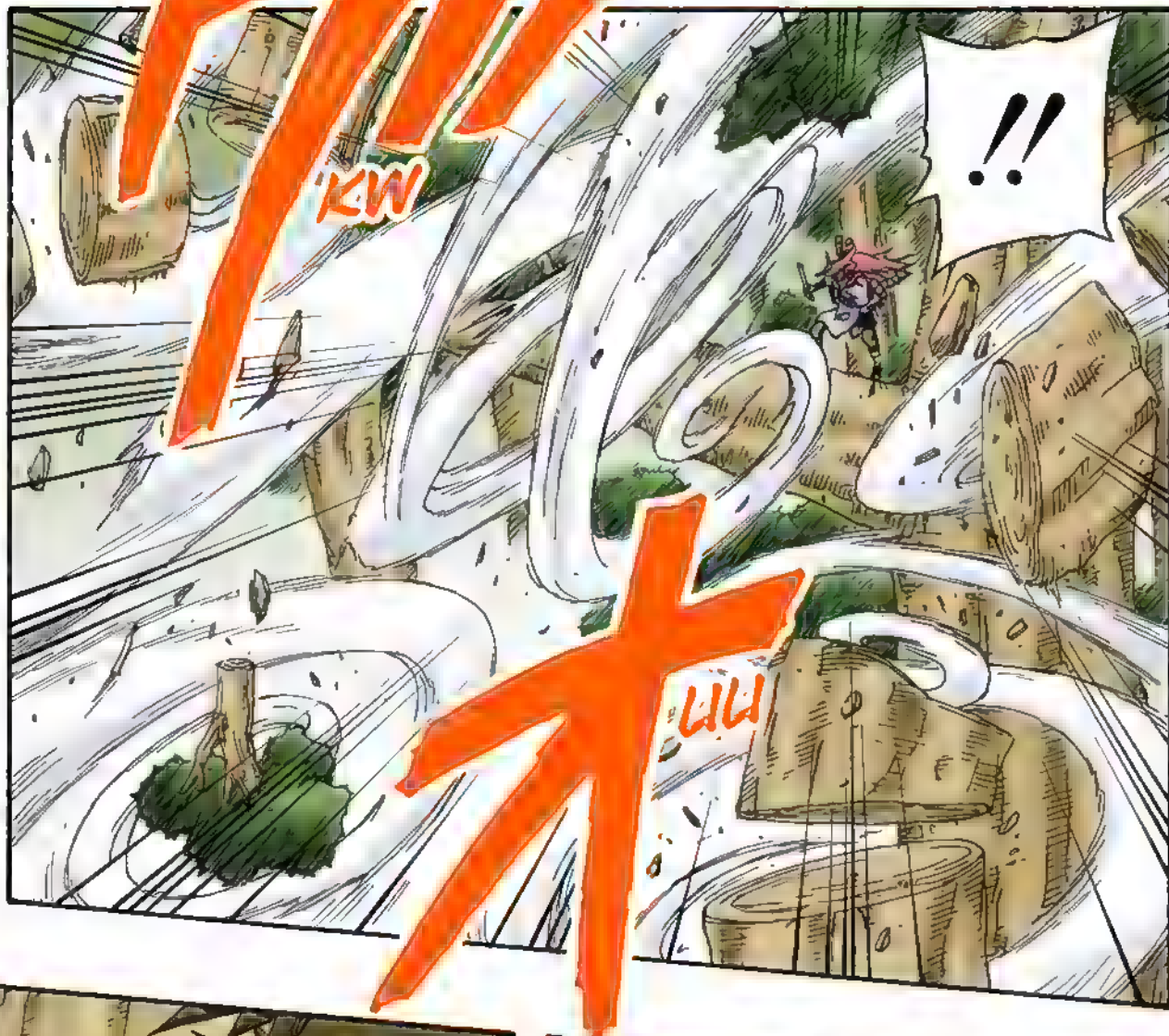
YOU GUYS
SURE KEEP
BUSY,
SWITCHING
SIDES ALL
THE TIME!

SO NOW
YOU'RE
WITH
KONOHA?!

DAI-
KAMAITACHI
NO JUTSU!
CYCLONE
SCYTHE
TECHNIQUE!!

大^{だい}カ^{かい}マイ^{まい}タ^たチ^ちの^の術^{じゆつ}!!





OFFENSE
AND
DEFENSE
IN ONE
MOVE.

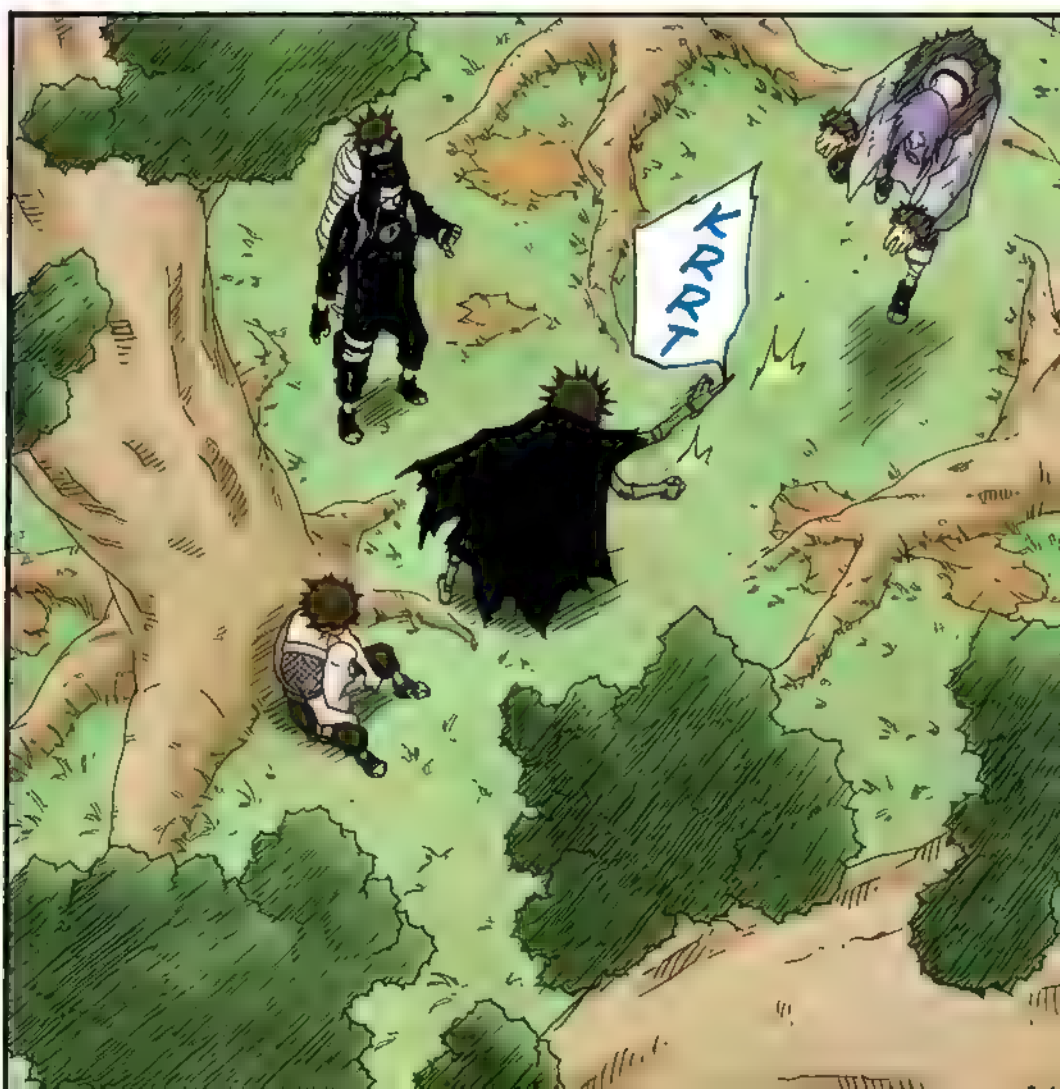
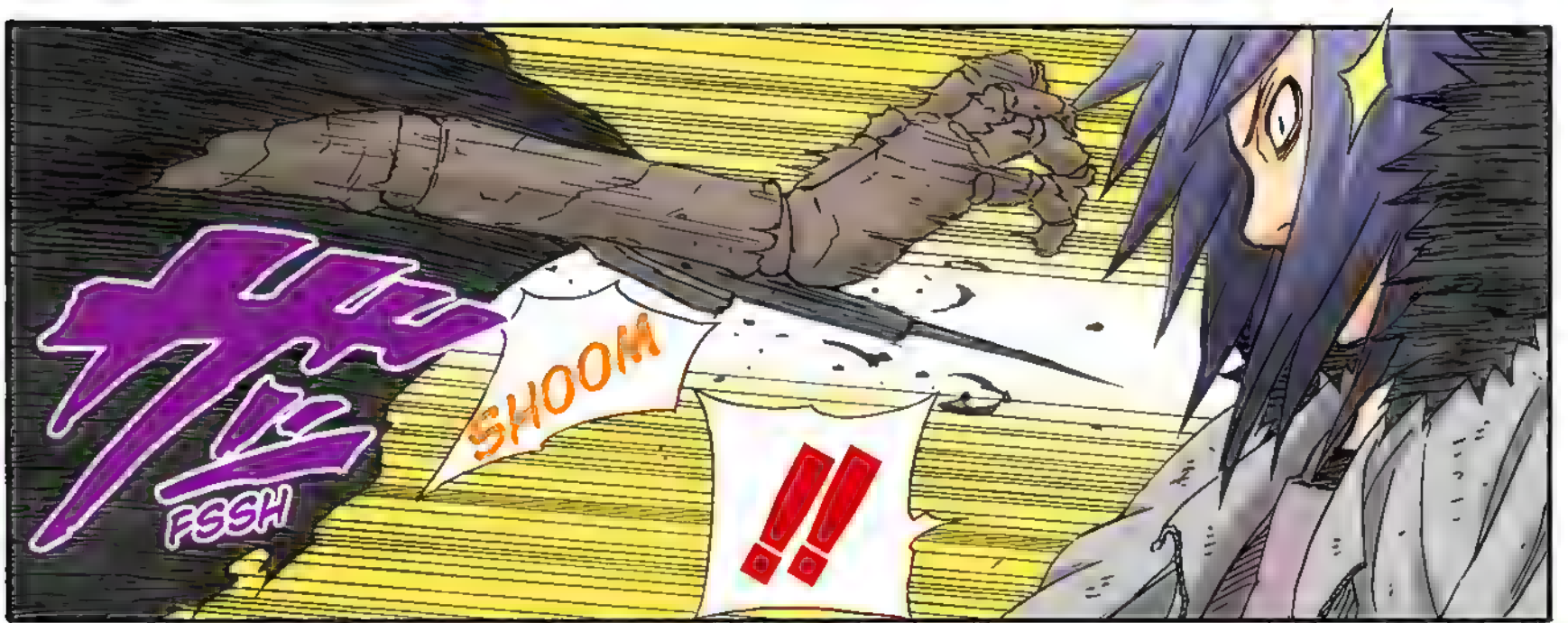
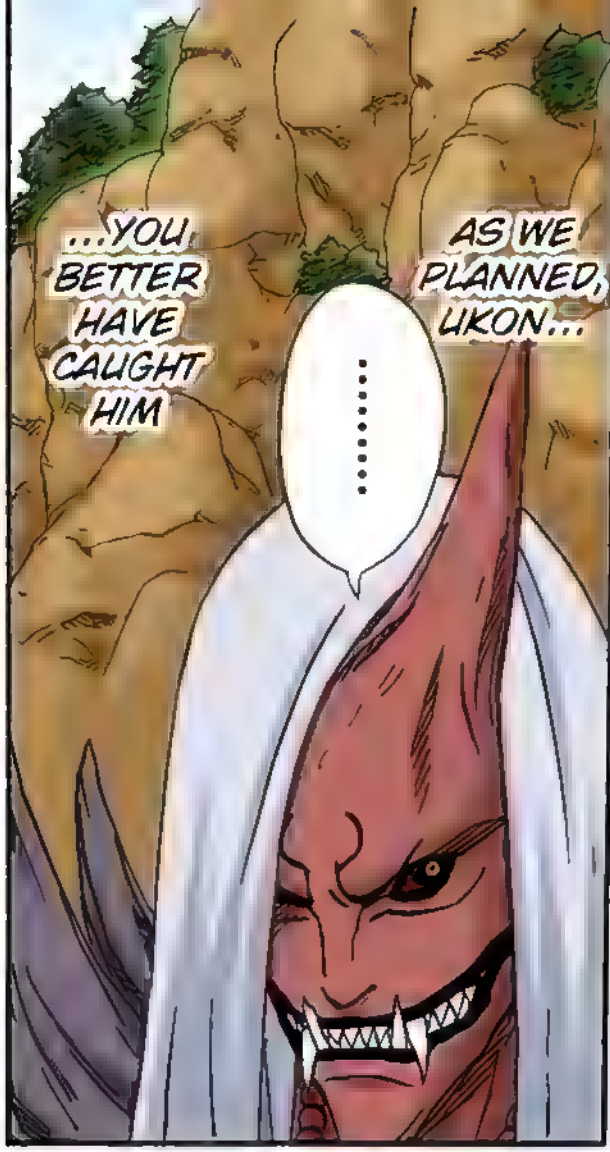
SHE DOES
HAVE SOME
IMPRESSIVE
JUTSU.

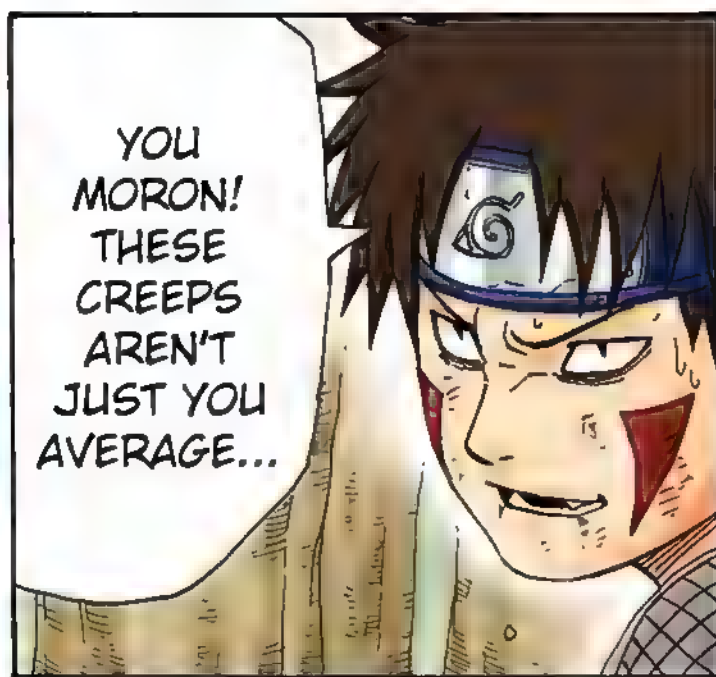


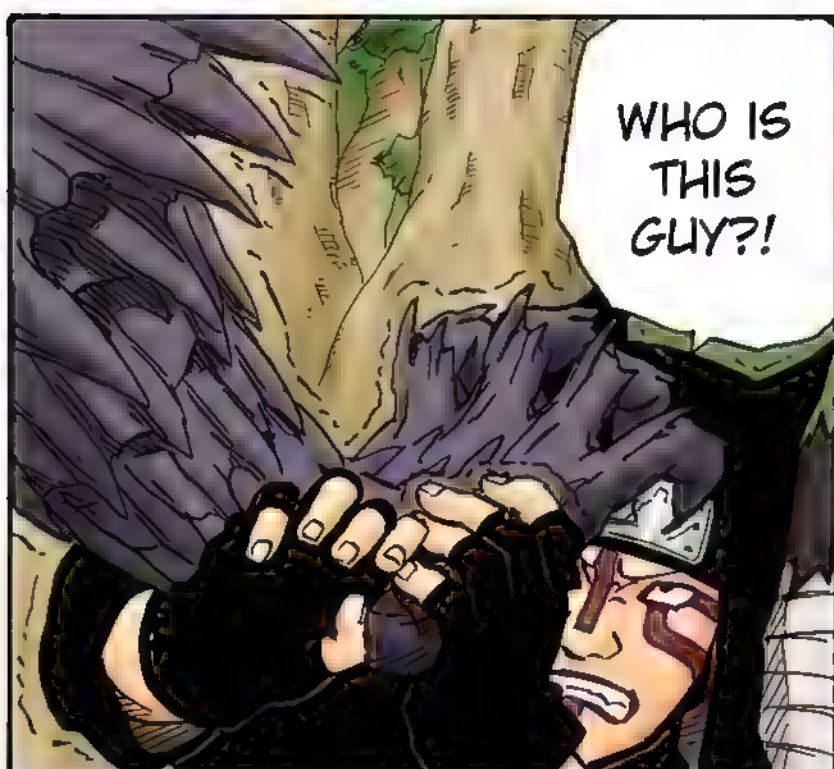
IT'S NOT JUST
BLASTING AWAY THE
FLUTE SOUNDS...
IT'S ALSO PHYSICALLY
DAMAGING THE
OPPONENT.

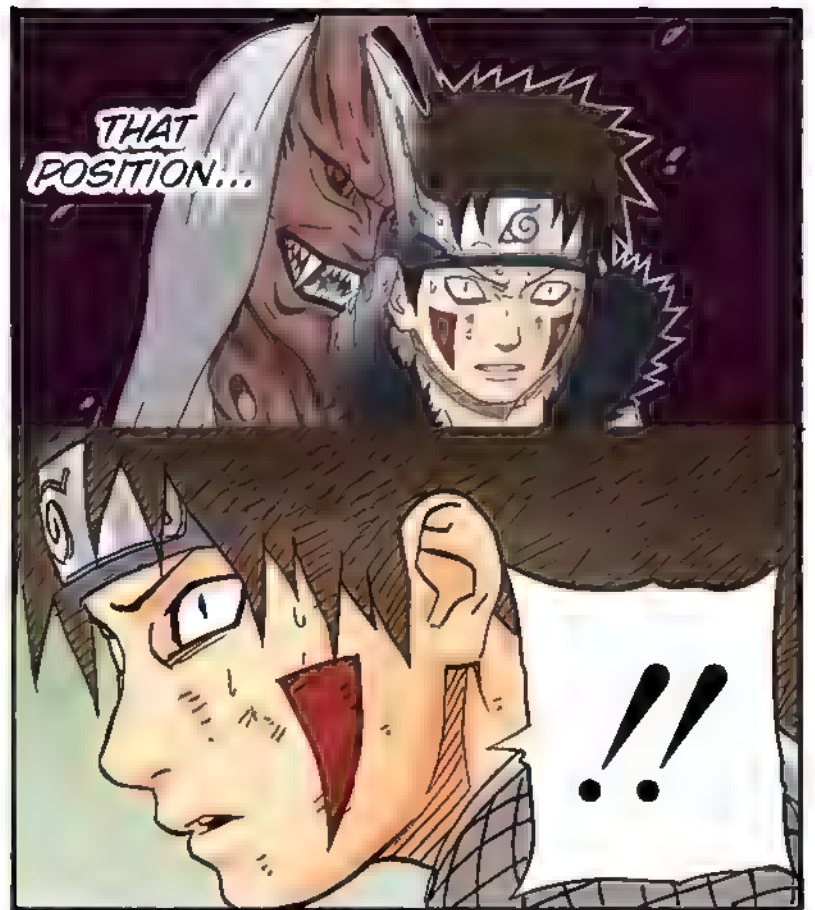


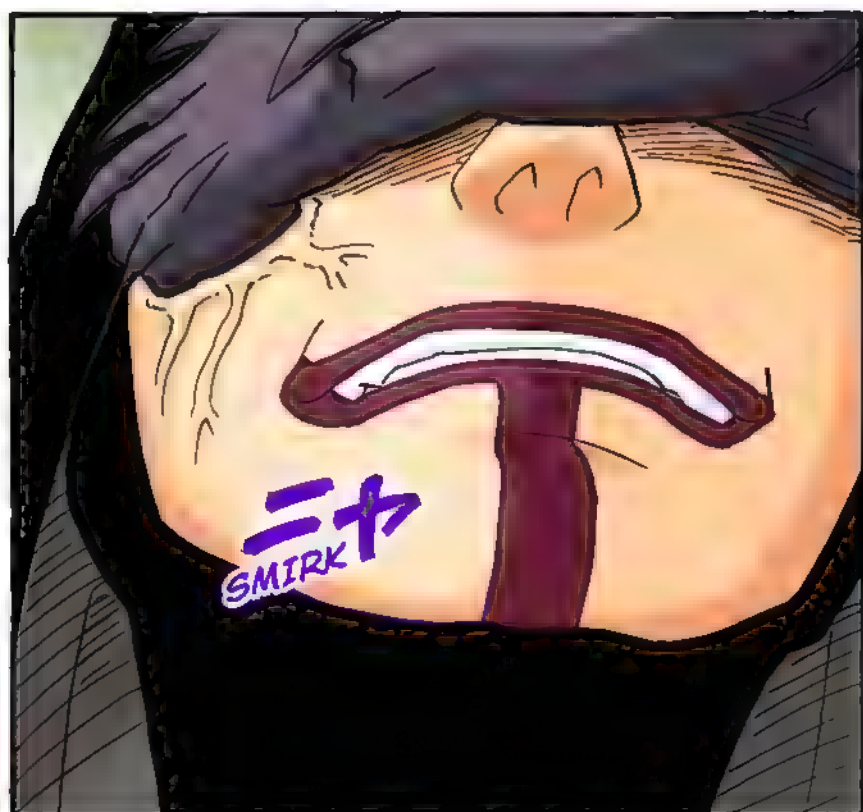
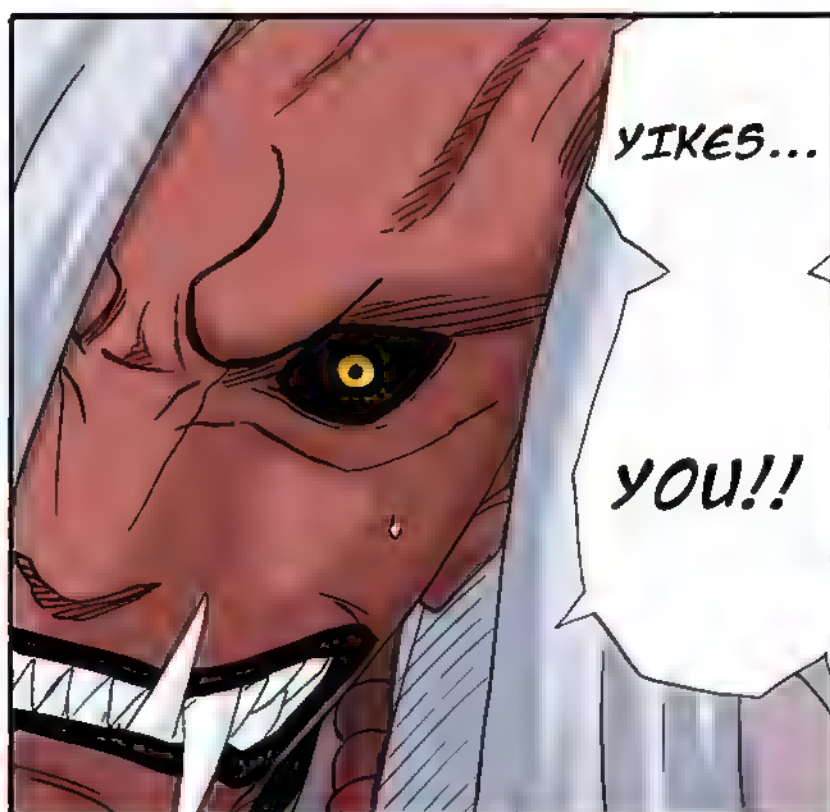
THIS WENCH
IS GOING TO
BE A PAIN IN
THE NECK!!

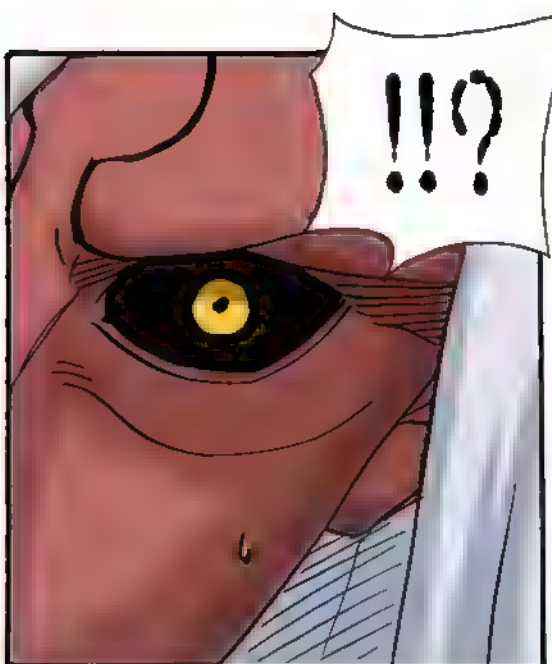


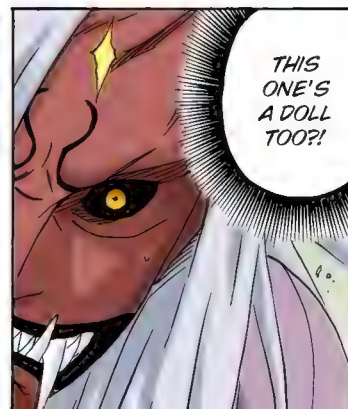
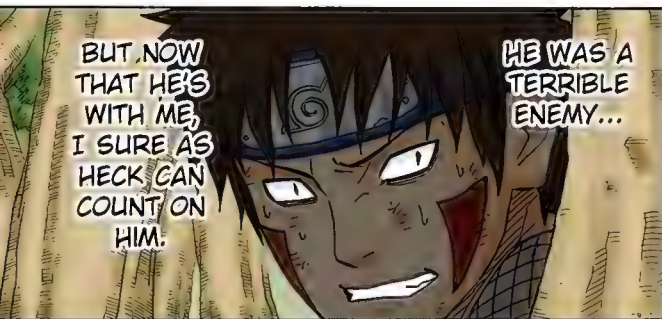
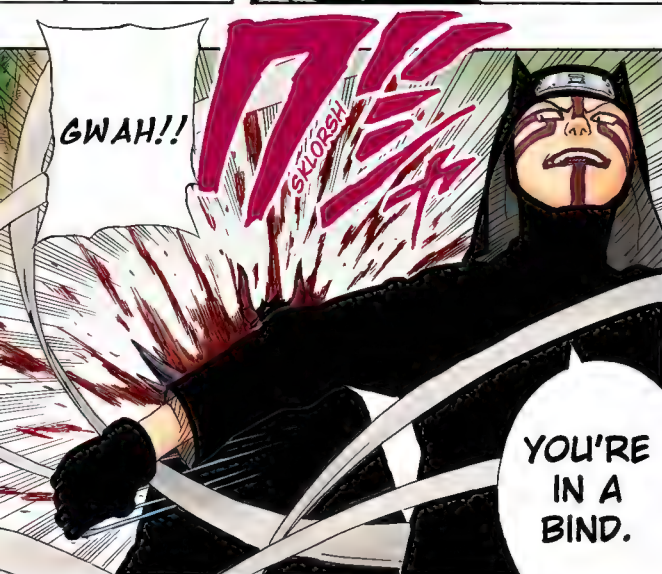












THE WORLD OF KISHIMOTO MASASHI
PERSONAL HISTORY:
THE TOO-EMBARRASSING-TO-WRITE-ABOUT STORY, PART 3

THE MORE I ADD TO THIS PERSONAL HISTORY, THE MORE MISERY I RELIVE FROM MY EMBARRASSING PAST. I ASK MYSELF WHETHER I ONLY DREDGE UP ALL THESE STUPID MEMORIES OUT OF A COMPULSION TO FILL IN THE PAGES BETWEEN CHAPTERS. YET STILL I PERSIST. WELL, AT LEAST YOU CAN NEVER SAY I HELD BACK ON YOU AS AN ENTERTAINER.

THE THINGS I'M ABOUT TO DISCLOSE MY GET A LITTLE INTENSE FOR SOME READERS. STILL, HERE WE GO.

THIS INCIDENT IS WEDGED IN MY BRAIN... IT WAS BACK IN KINDERGARTEN, THE DAY OF THE "POTATO DIGGING TOURNAMENT." THAT AUTUMN, THAT DAY, IN THE MIDST OF HARVESTING SEASON, JUST FOR THAT EVENT, OUR SCHOOL INVITED OUR FAMILIES TO JOIN US. KIDS, PARENTS, TEACHERS, ALL OF US GOT TOGETHER TO HARVEST THE SWEET POTATOES WE'D PLANTED AT A NEARBY FARM. IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, YOU SEE, KINDERGARTENS HOLD THESE HEARTWARMING COMMUNITY FUNCTIONS, INTENDED TO BRING KIDS, PARENTS, AND TEACHERS CLOSER TOGETHER.

I WAS DIGGING AWAY IN HIGH SPIRITS, TELLING MYSELF "I'LL FIND THE BIGGEST POTATO OF ALL, AND SURPRISE EVERYBODY!" AND THEN THERE IT WAS, A MONOLITH AMONGST POTATOES. IN MY DELIGHT, I STARTED DIGGING LIKE A STARVING MAN. MIND YOU, FOR ALL MY HASTE I WAS CAREFUL NOT TO BREAK THE ROOT. AND THEN THERE I WAS, CLUTCHING A GIANT POTATO.

IN UNISON, EVERYBODY SCREAMED: "WOW!!" AND "THAT'S HUGE!" AND SO ON. I WAS IN ANOTHER WORLD. SO THEN... I DON'T KNOW WHY I DID THIS, BUT I STARTED RUNNING AND ROLLING AROUND THE FIELD, GRASPING MY PRECIOUS POTATO. THEN THE THOUGHT HIT ME: "I GOTTA SHOW MOM THIS POTATO!" SO I GLANCED AROUND FOR HER AND REALIZED SHE WASN'T THERE. SHE WAS ACTUALLY DOWN AT MY TWIN BROTHER'S PLOT. SEE, THE FARM WAS TERRACED, AND HIS PLOT WAS IN A FIELD BELOW. SO I PELTED STRAIGHT TOWARD HER, SPRINTING FROM FIELD TO FIELD, HOPPINGZ DOWN THE TERRACES AND EVERYTHING.

AND THAT'S WHEN IT HAPPENED. I WAS IN SUCH A HURRY I WASN'T LOOKING, BUT IN THE LOWER FIELD, IN THE FIVE SQUARE METER AREA WHERE I WAS DUE TO LAND, WAS A HEAPING PILE OF A TYPICAL RURAL ARTIFACT...

AS YOU MAY HAVE SURMISED, IT WAS, YES, A MOUNTAIN OF **COW MANURE!**

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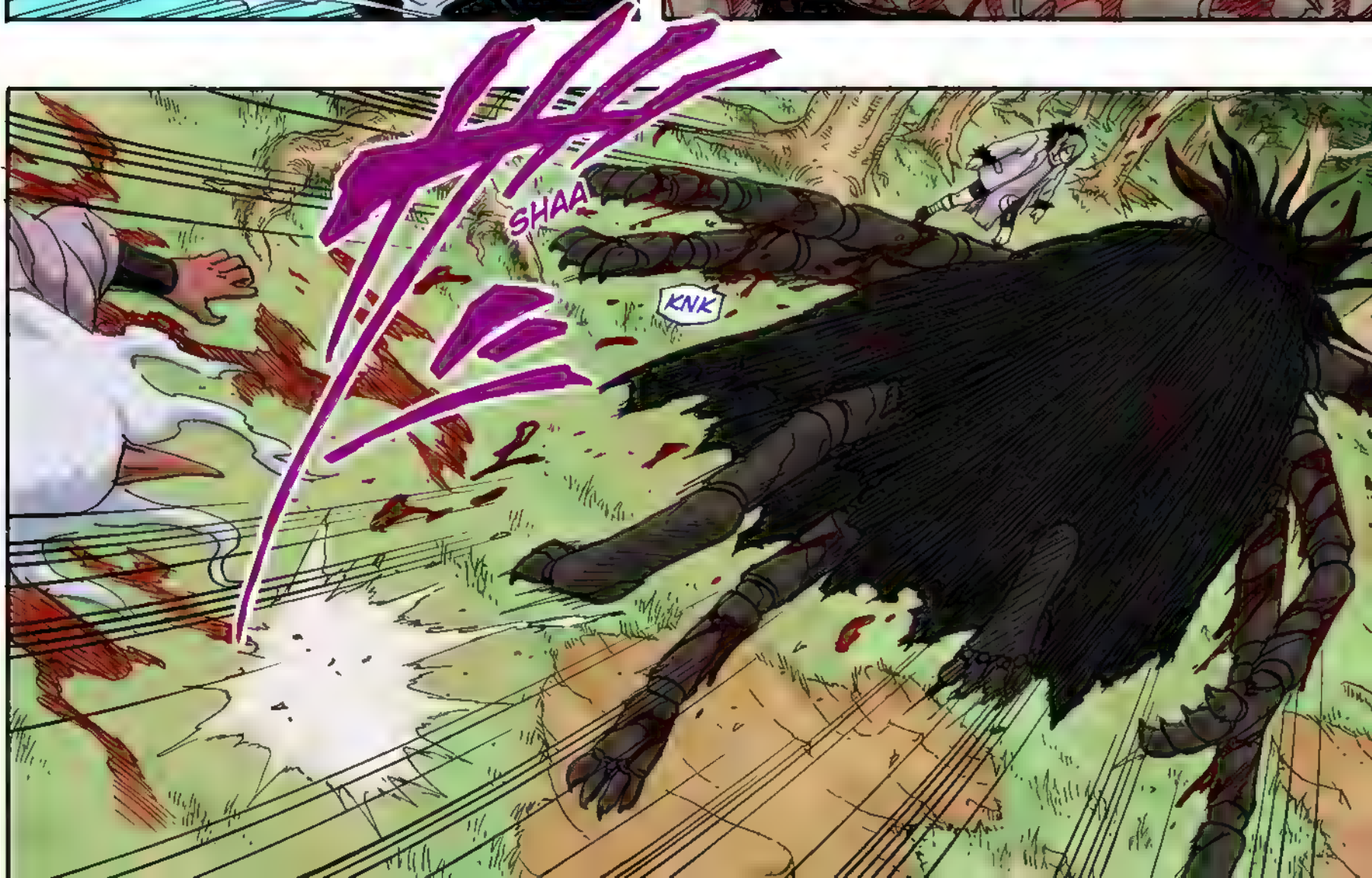
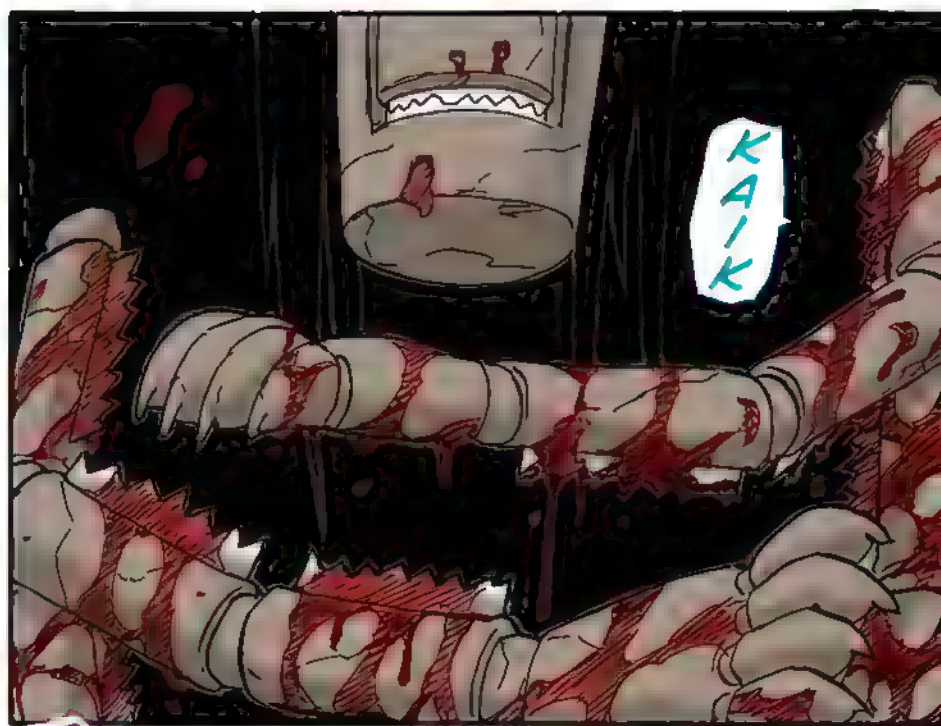
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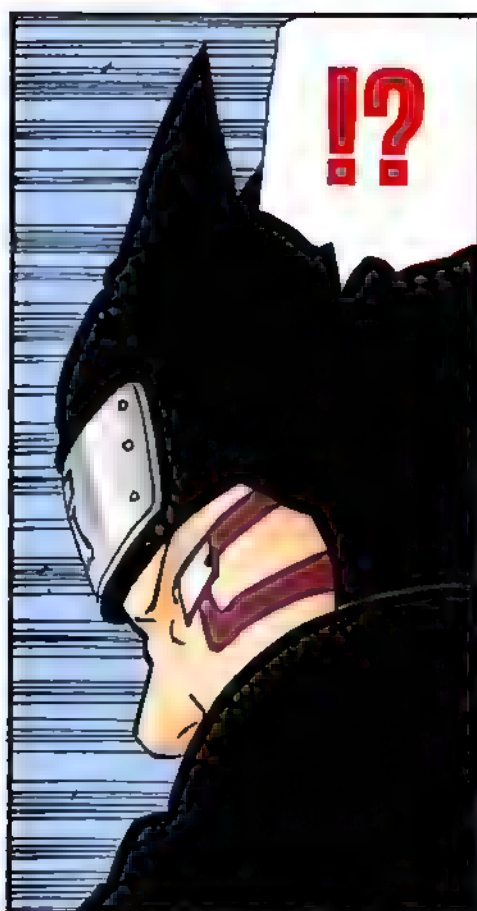
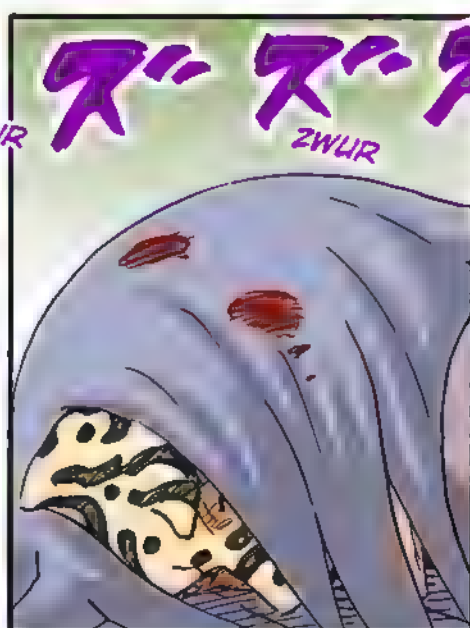
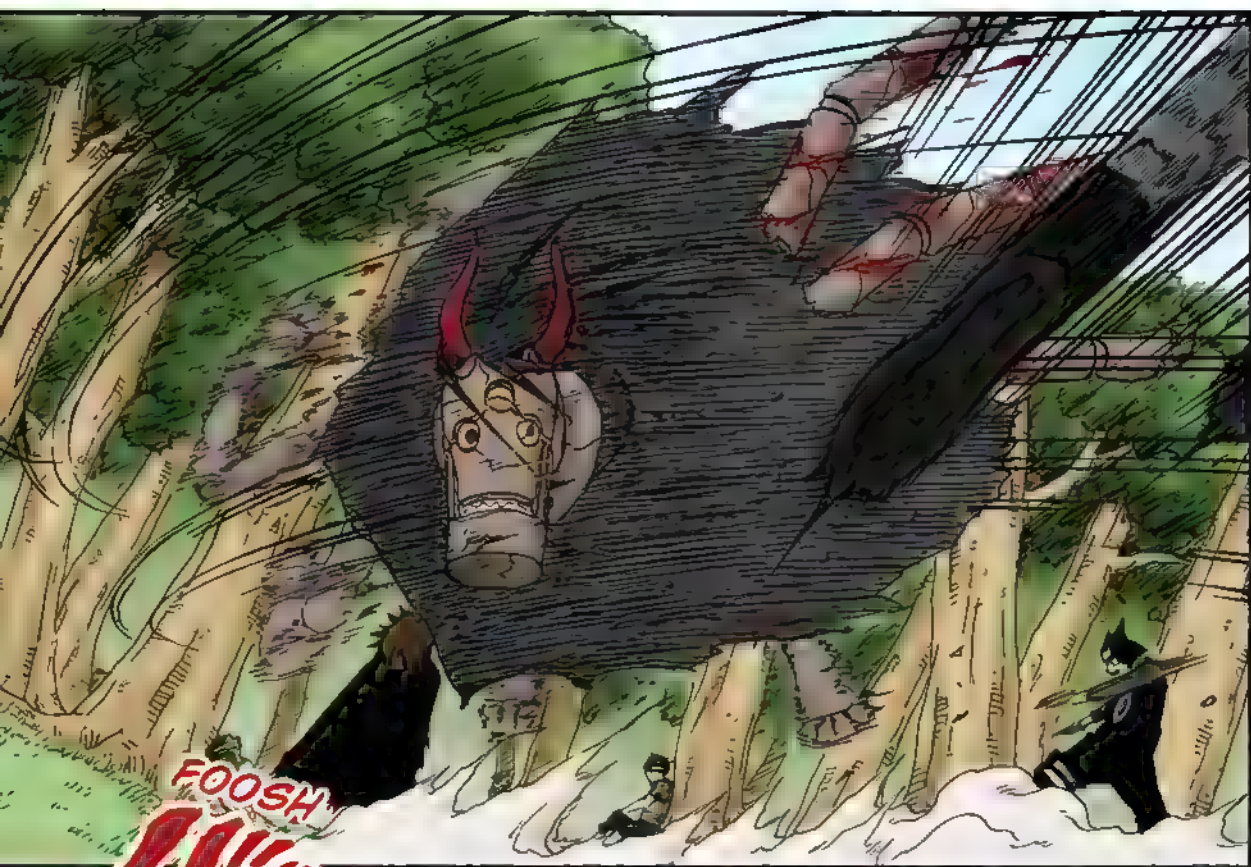
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HERE,
LEMMIE
REST A
BIT.



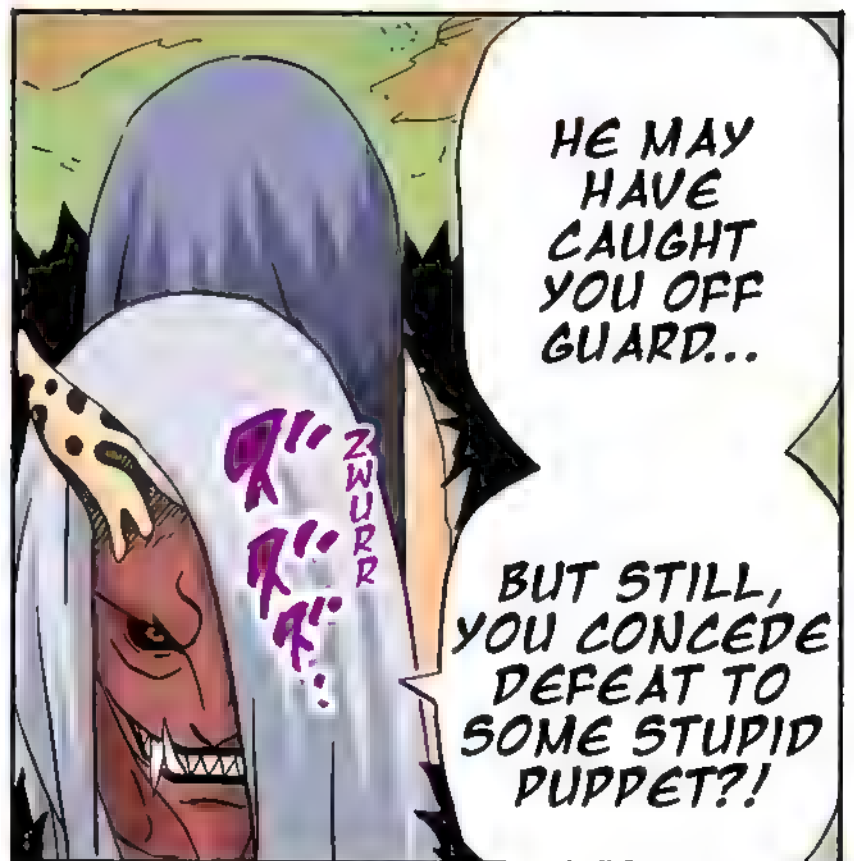
I LET MY
GUARD
DOWN.

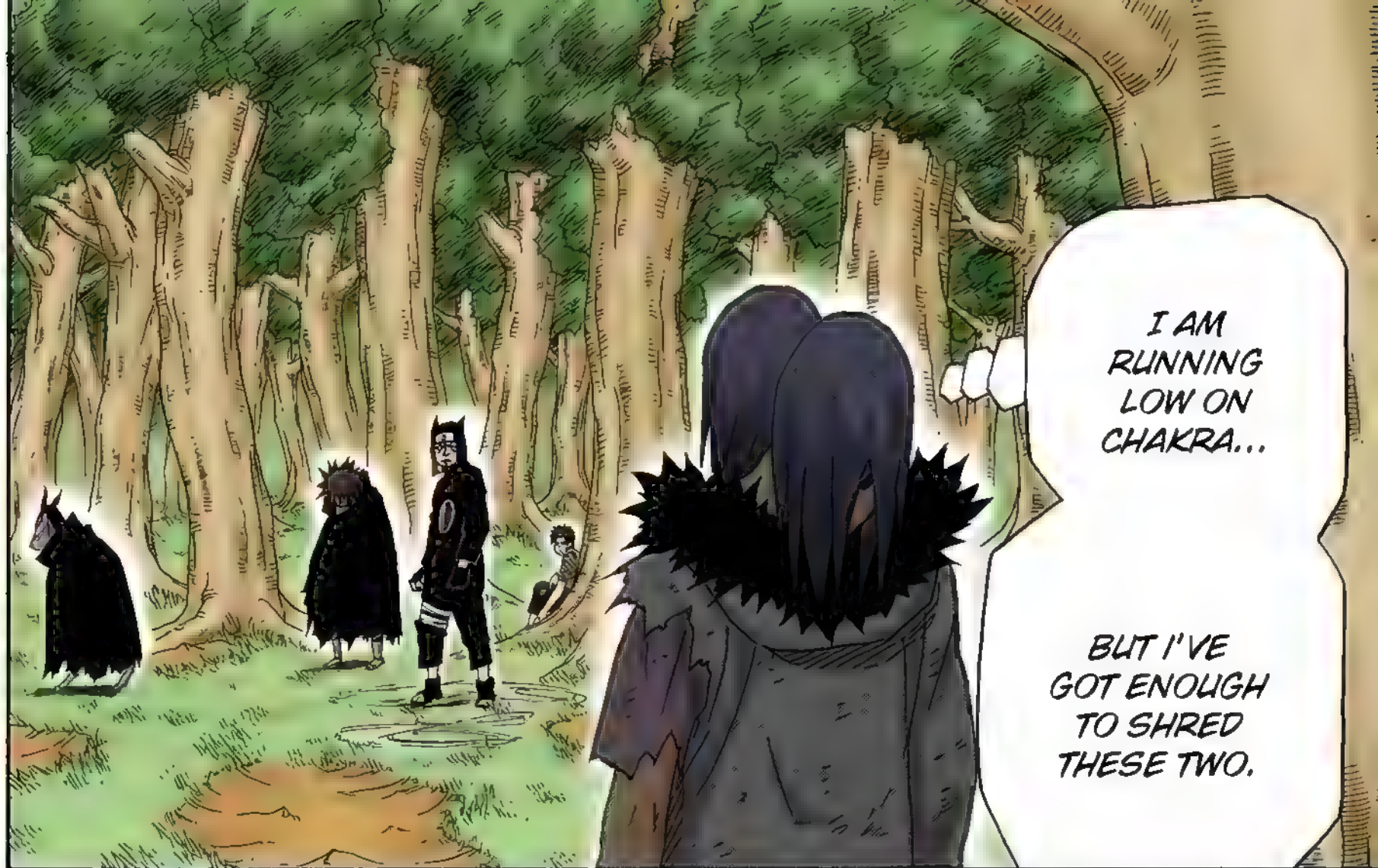


OWW...

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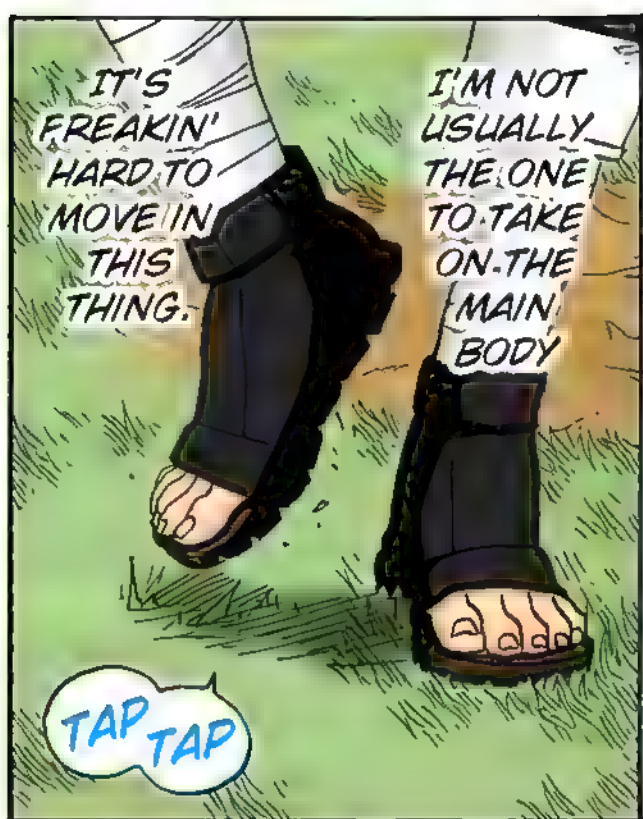
SHARK





I AM
RUNNING
LOW ON
CHAKRA...

BUT I'VE
GOT ENOUGH
TO SHRED
THESE TWO.



IT'S
FREAKIN'
HARD TO
MOVE IN
THIS
THING.

I'M NOT
USUALLY
THE ONE
TO TAKE
ON THE
MAIN
BODY

TAP TAP



HMPH.



HOW
FAST HE
RECOVERS...!

LOOKS
LIKE HIS
WOUNDS
HAVE
HEALED.

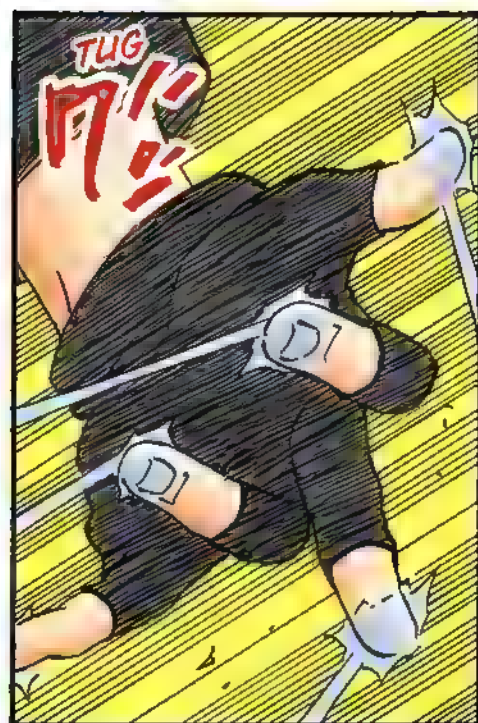


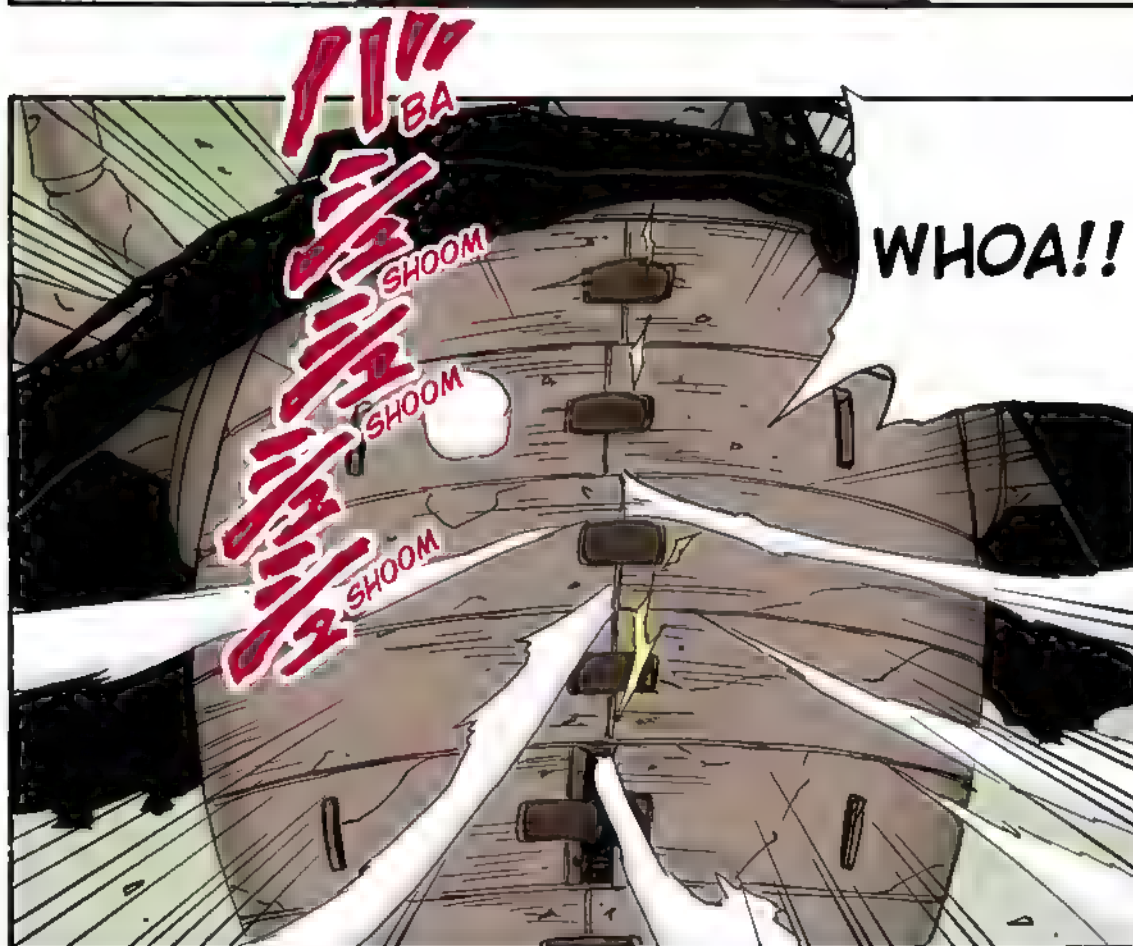
WE
SHOULD
RETREAT
FOR NOW...

YOU CAN'T
BEAT 'EM
FIGHTING
HEAD-ON!



YOU GUYS
TAKE ME
FOR A
FOOL?





WHOA!!



URK!!



!?



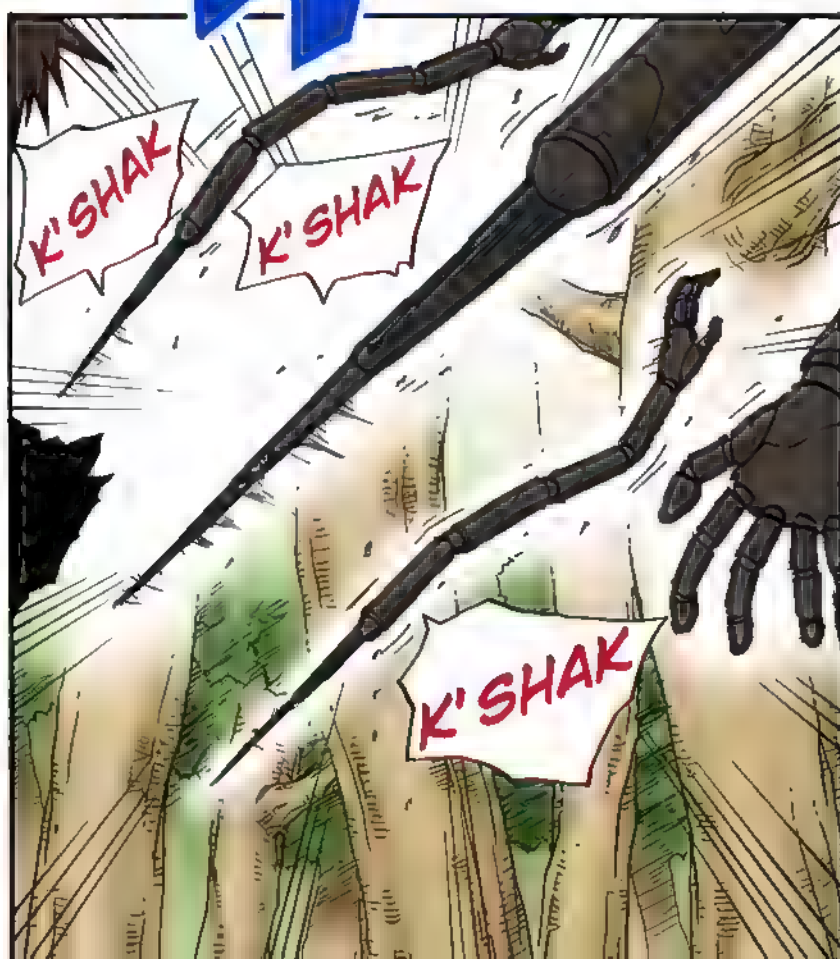
I USUALLY
USE
THE ANT'S
COUNTERPART,
THE CROW,
FOR THIS
ATTACK.

THE ANT
IS NOT AN
OFFENSIVE
PUPPET.

IT WAS
ORIGINALLY
DESIGNED FOR
CAPTURING
PREY.



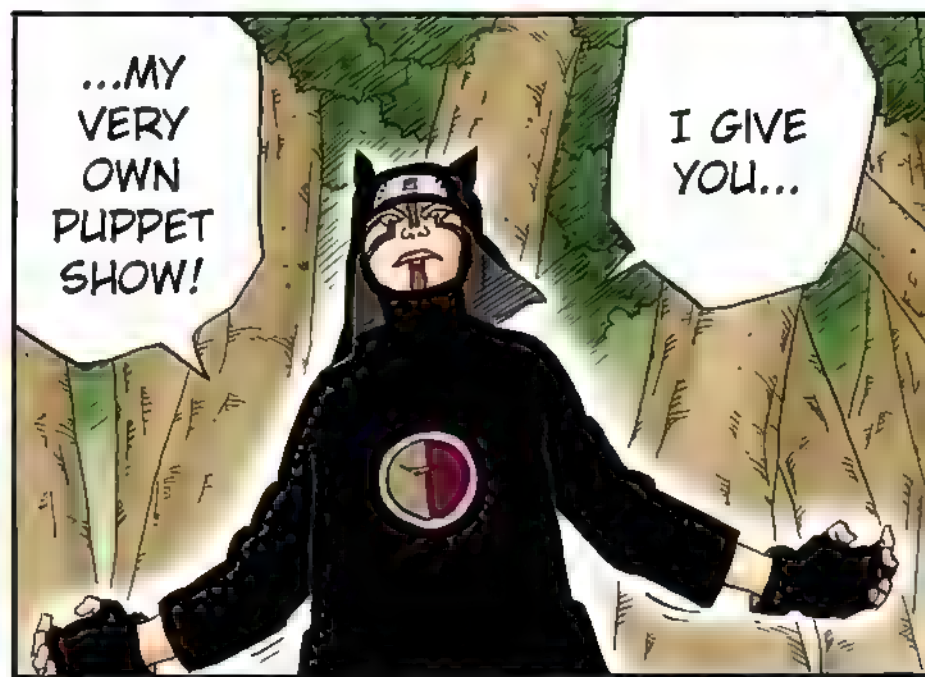
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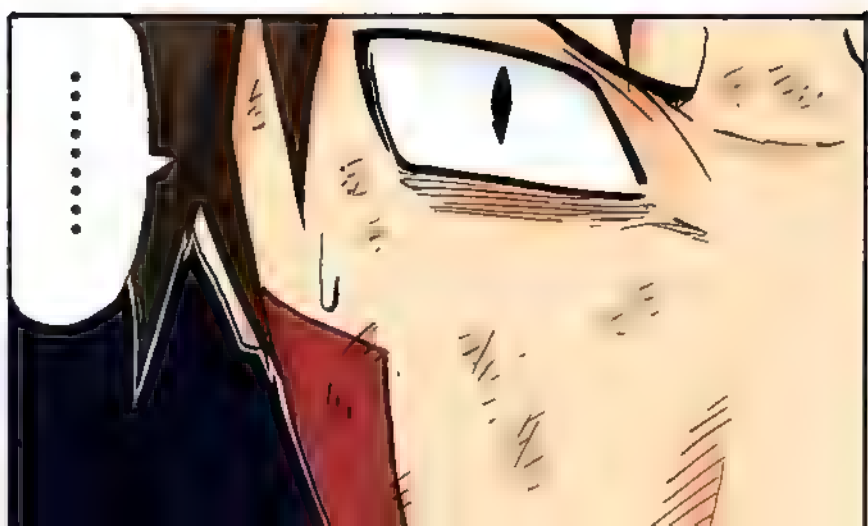
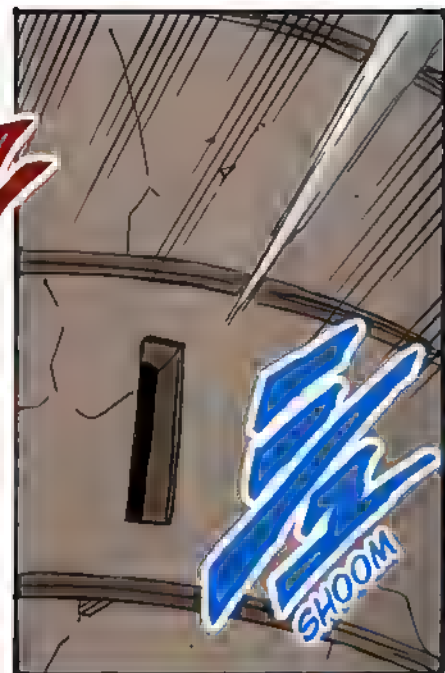


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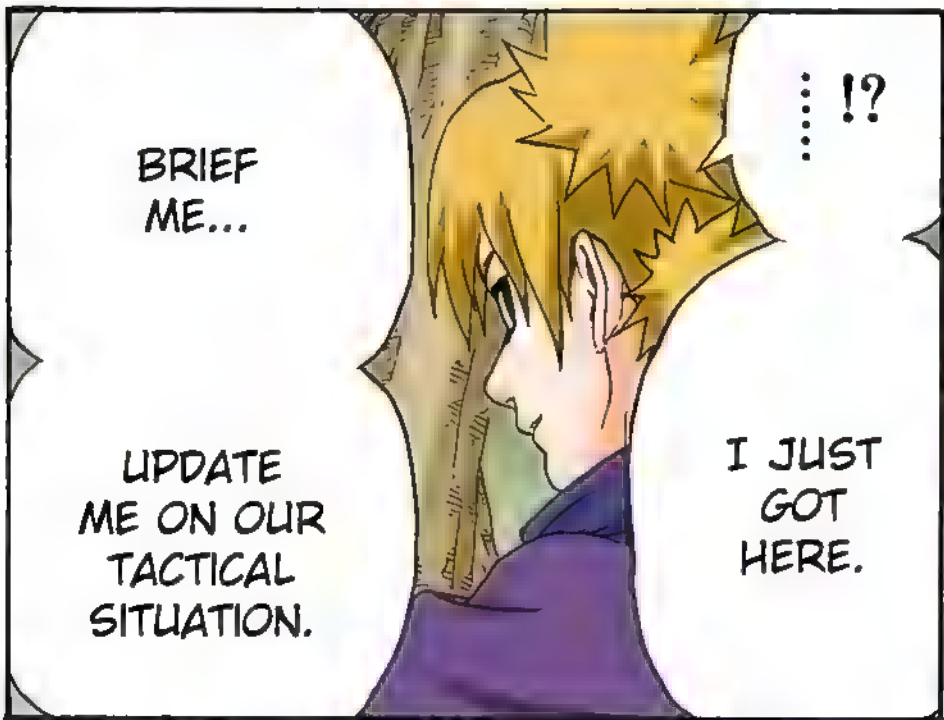
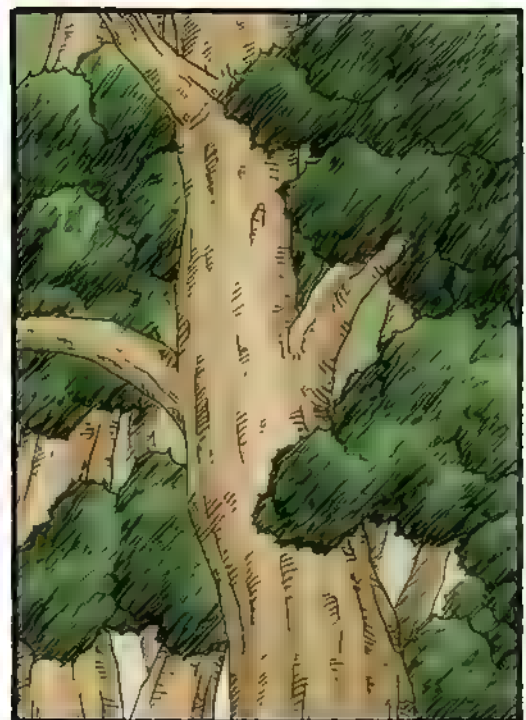






WITH
HER TAIL
BETWEEN
HER
LEGS?

SHE'S
RUN
OFF...



BRIEF
ME...

UPDATE
ME ON OUR
TACTICAL
SITUATION.

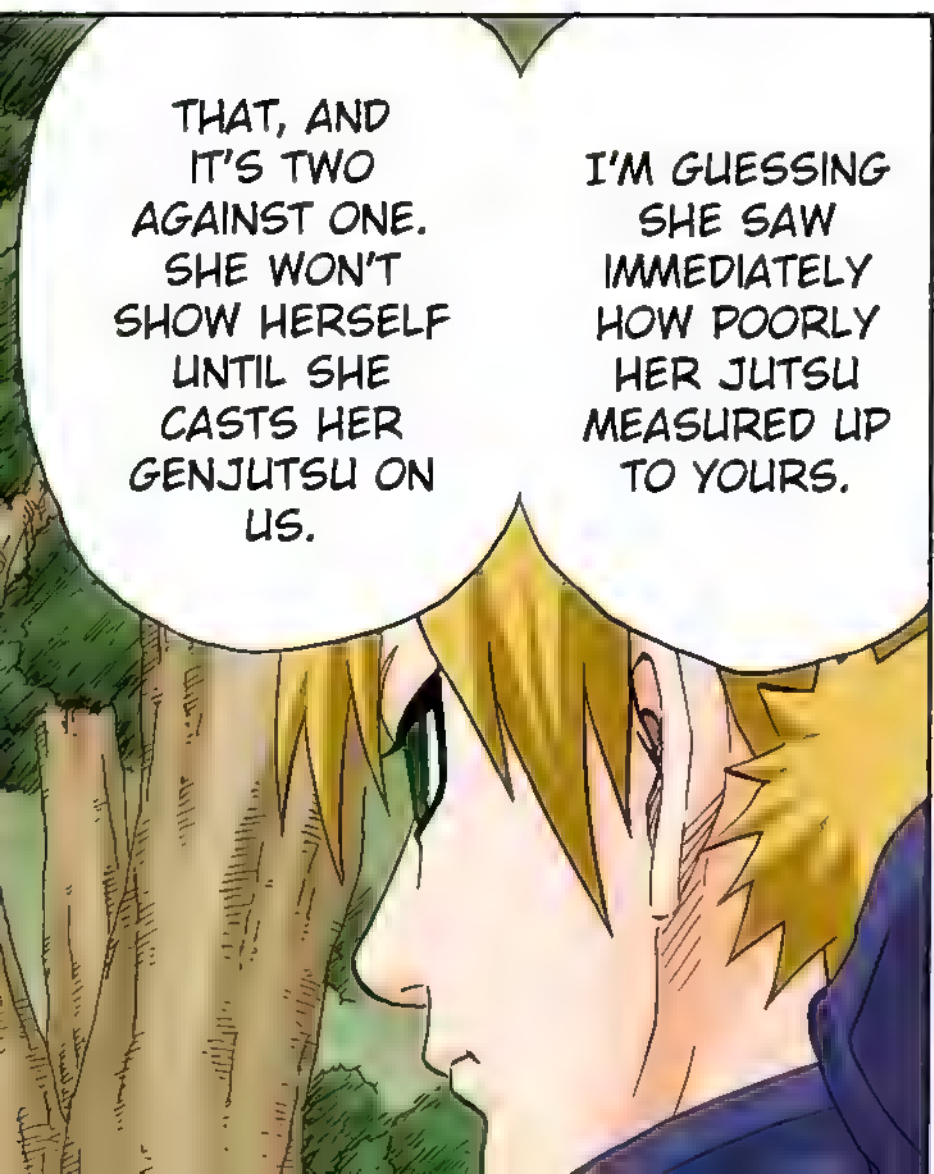
... !?

I JUST
GOT
HERE.



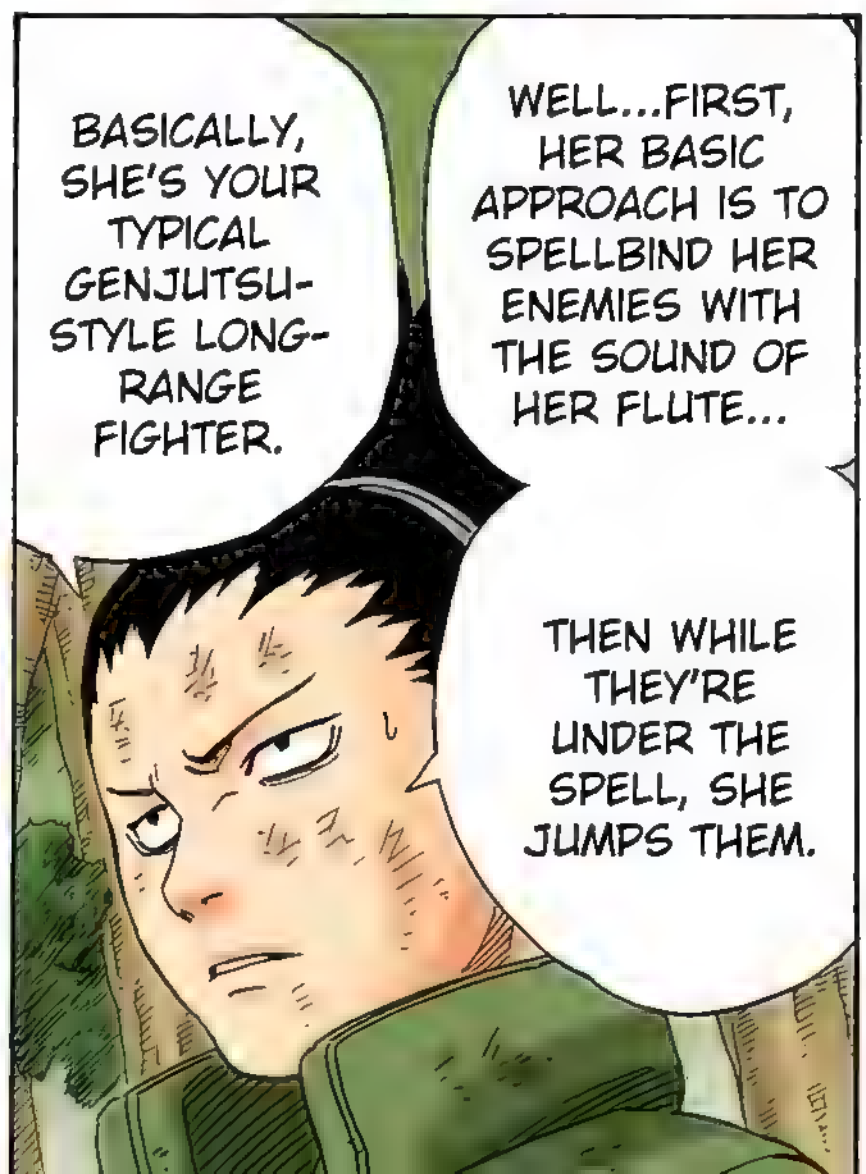
THAT'S
NOT HER
WAY.
SHE'S
AROUND.

NO...



THAT, AND
IT'S TWO
AGAINST ONE.
SHE WON'T
SHOW HERSELF
UNTIL SHE
CASTS HER
GENJUTSU ON
US.

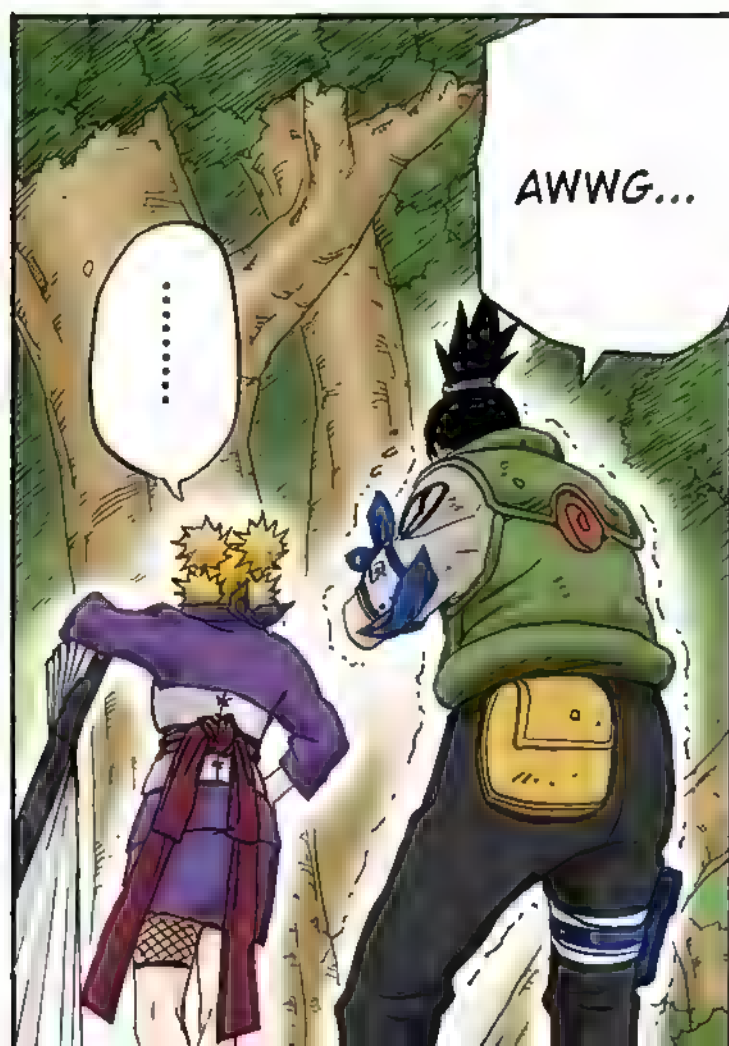
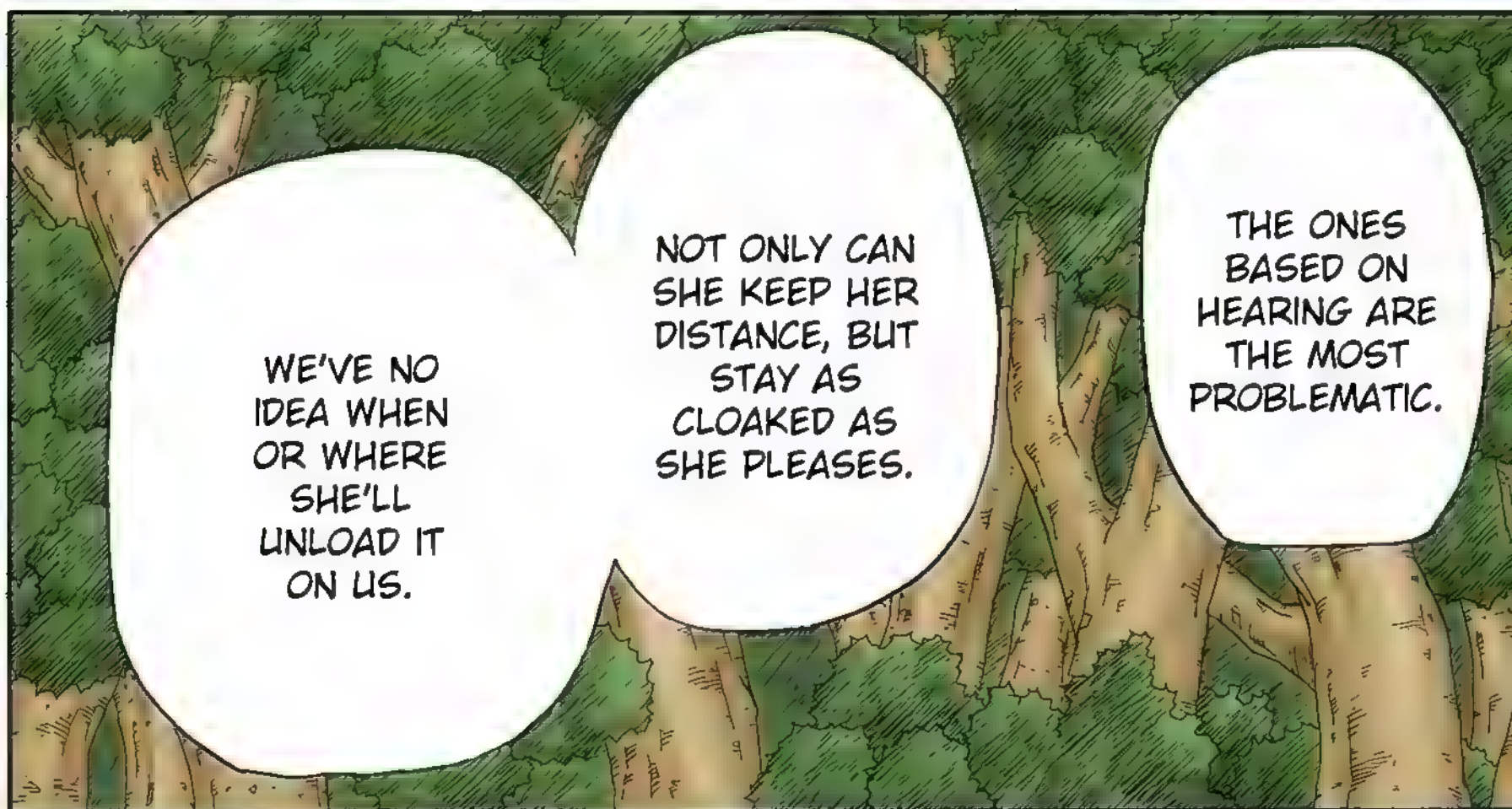
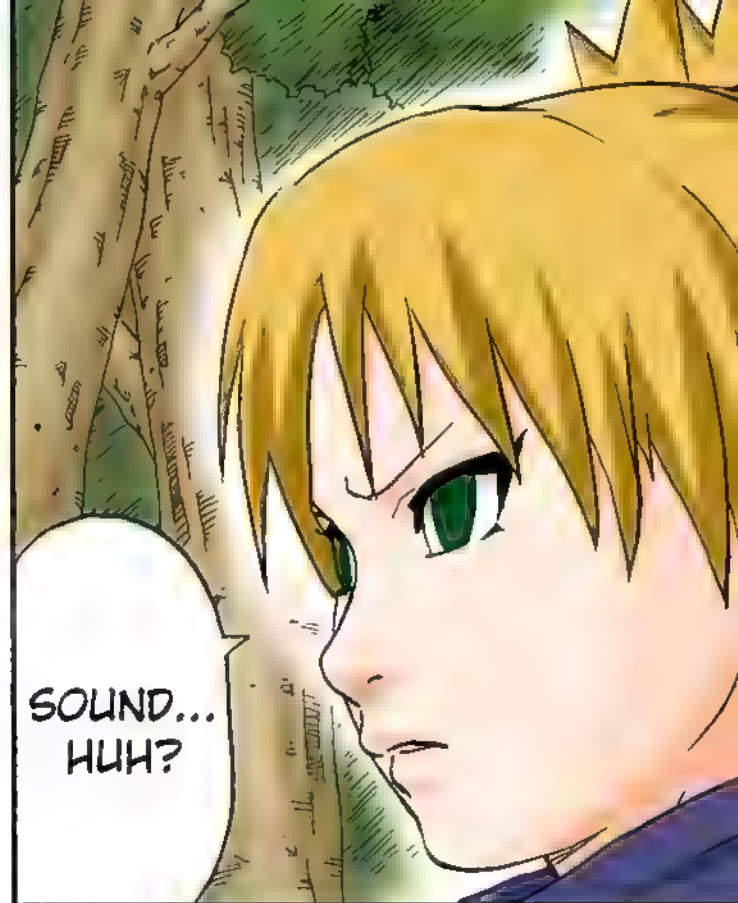
I'M GUESSING
SHE SAW
IMMEDIATELY
HOW POORLY
HER JUTSU
MEASURED UP
TO YOURS.

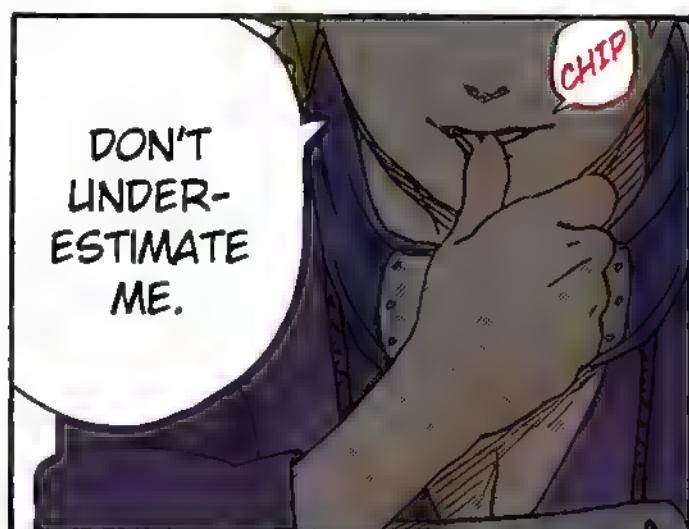
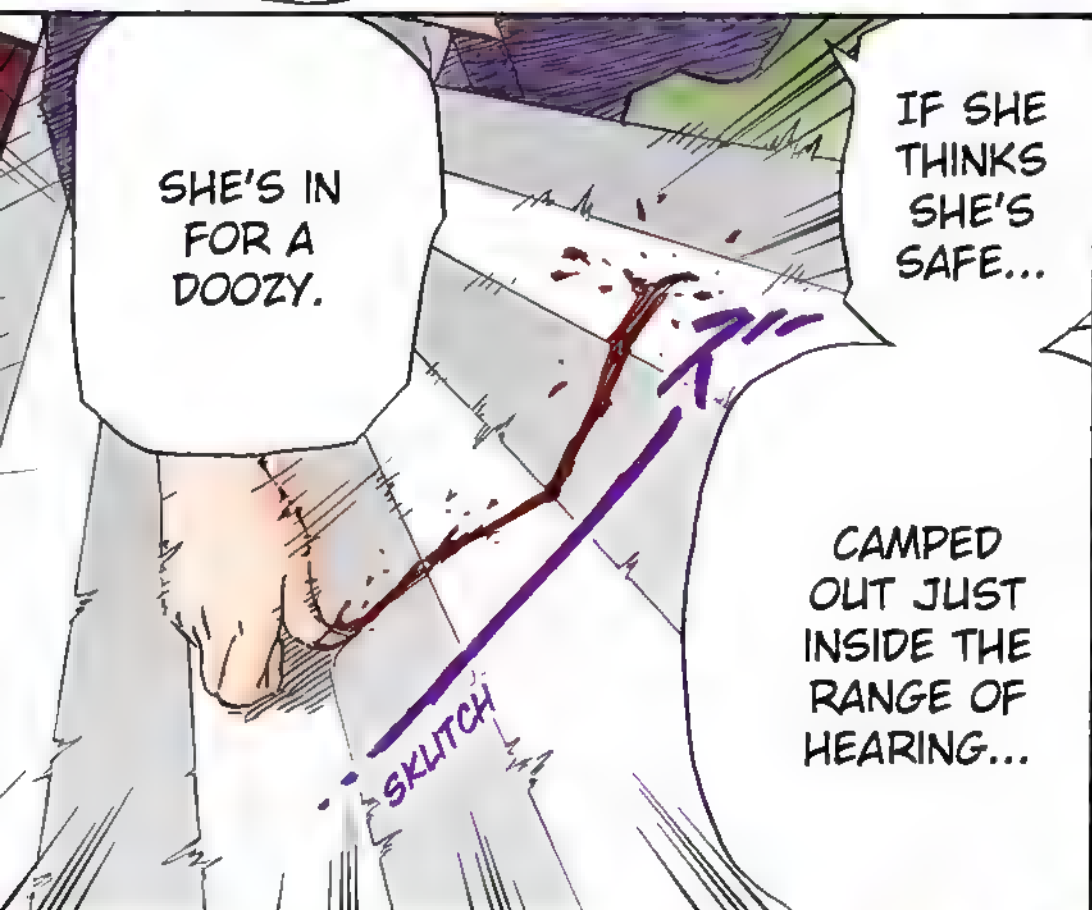
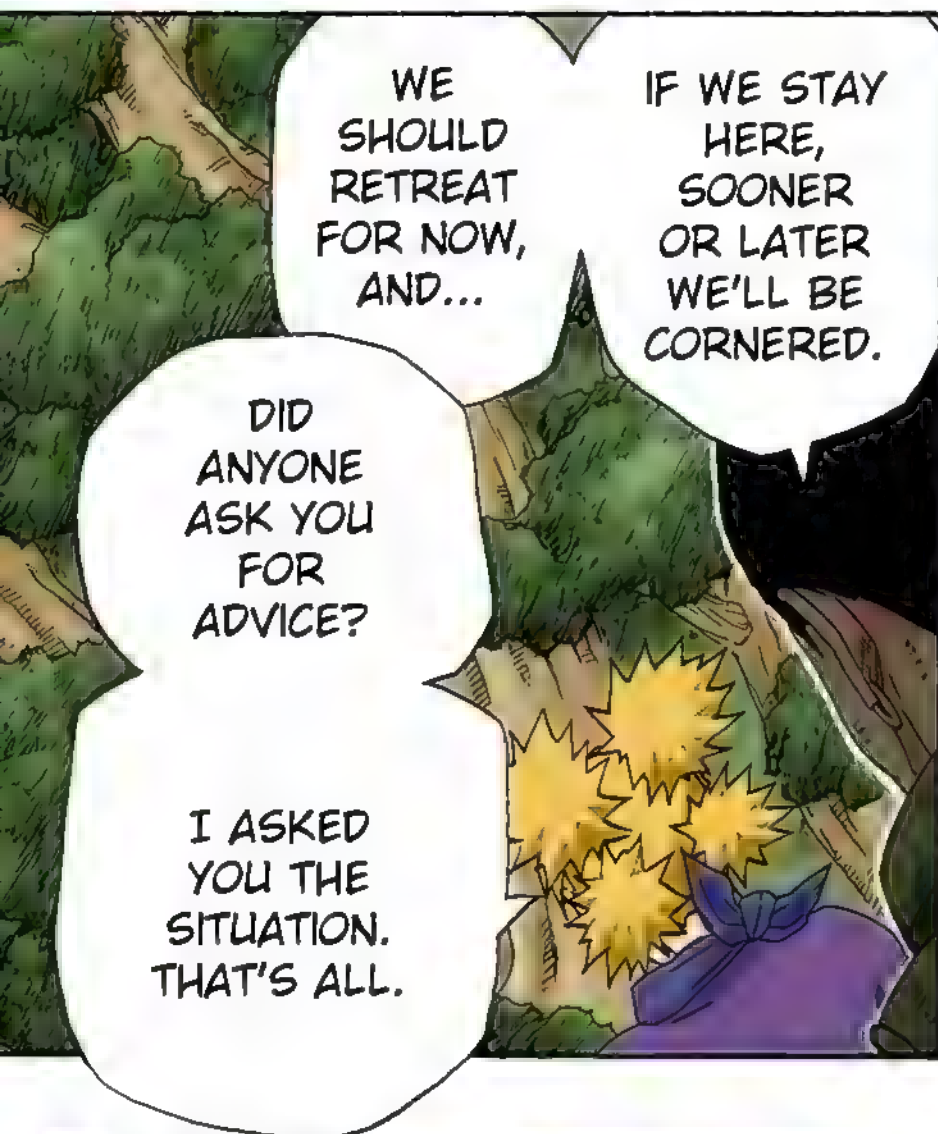


BASICALLY,
SHE'S YOUR
TYPICAL
GENJUTSU-
STYLE LONG-
RANGE
FIGHTER.

WELL...FIRST,
HER BASIC
APPROACH IS TO
SPELLBIND HER
ENEMIES WITH
THE SOUND OF
HER FLUTE...

THEN WHILE
THEY'RE
UNDER THE
SPELL, SHE
JUMPS THEM.





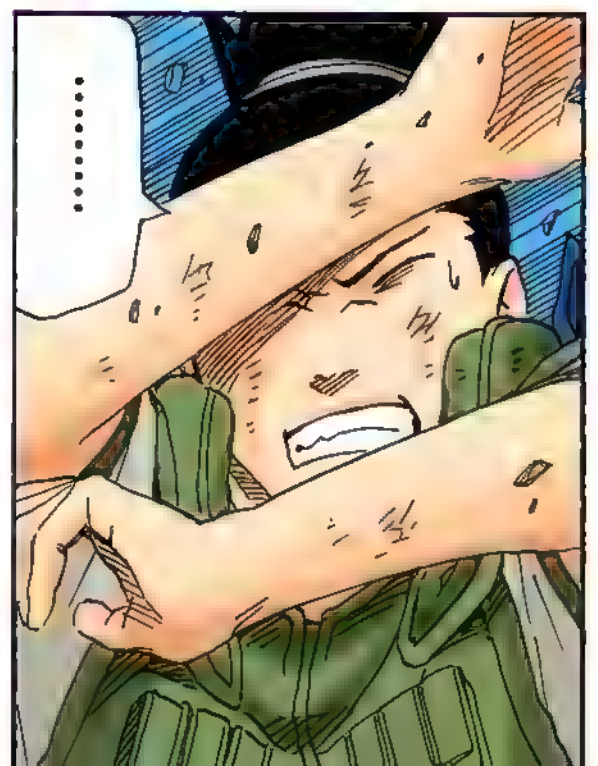
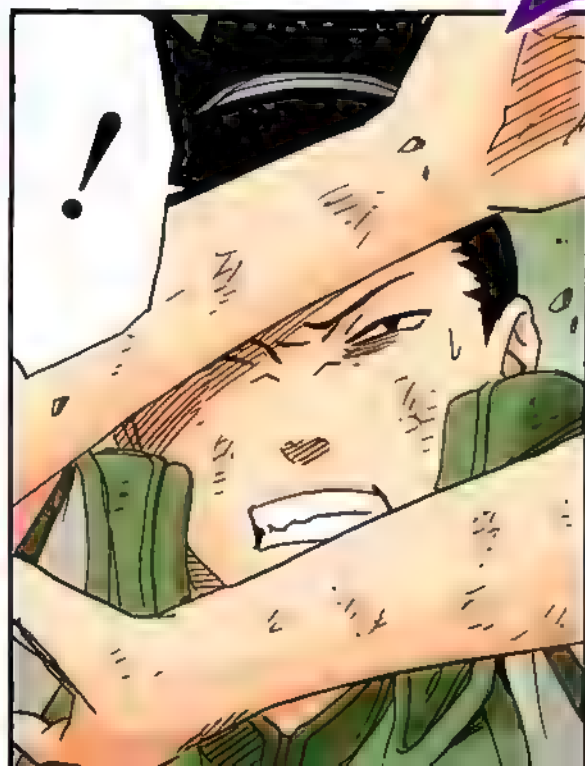
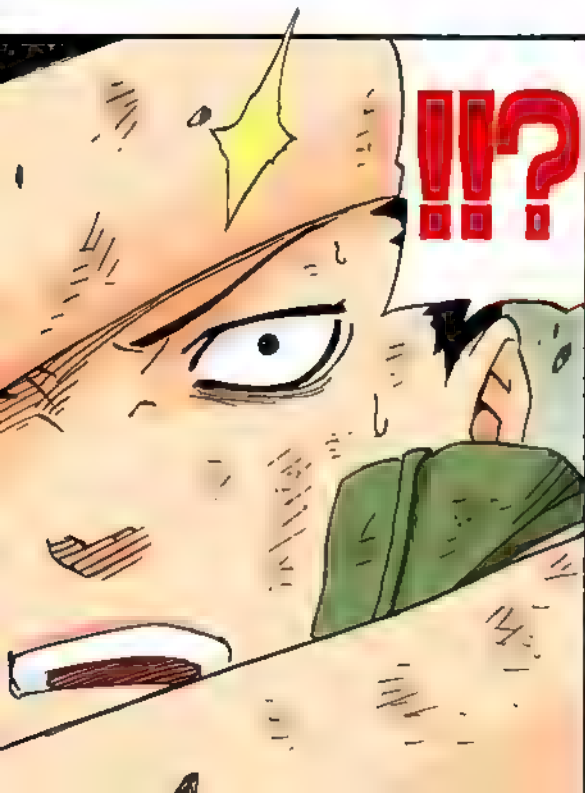


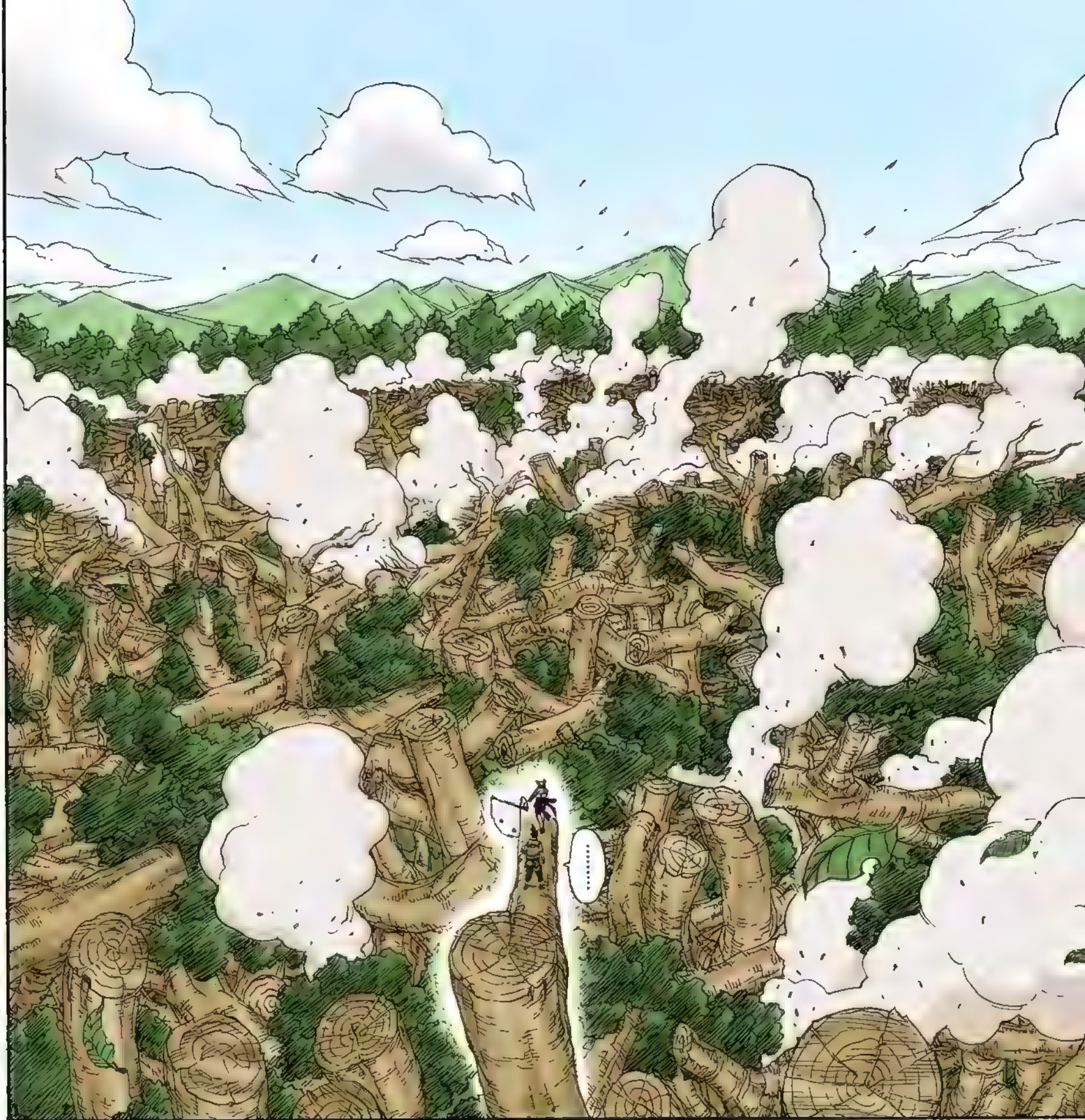
BONG

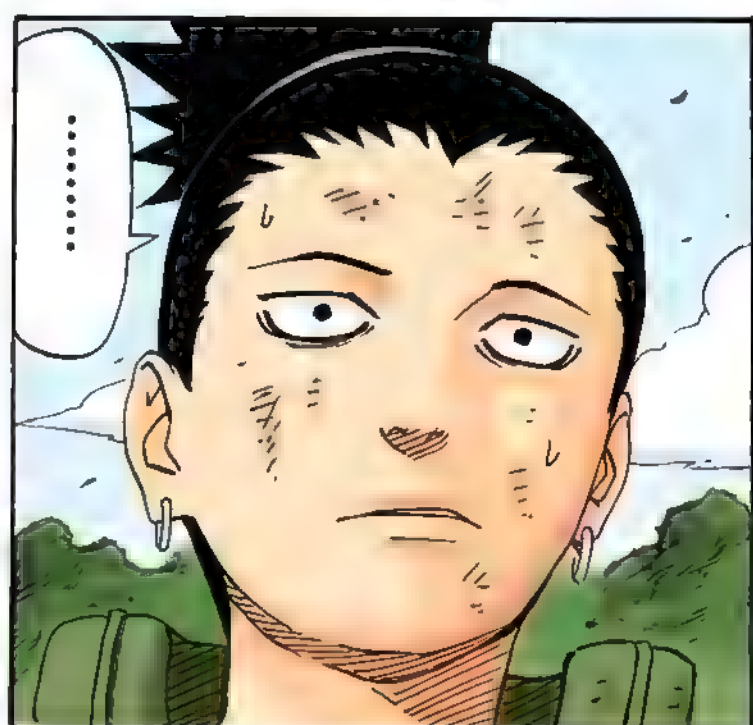
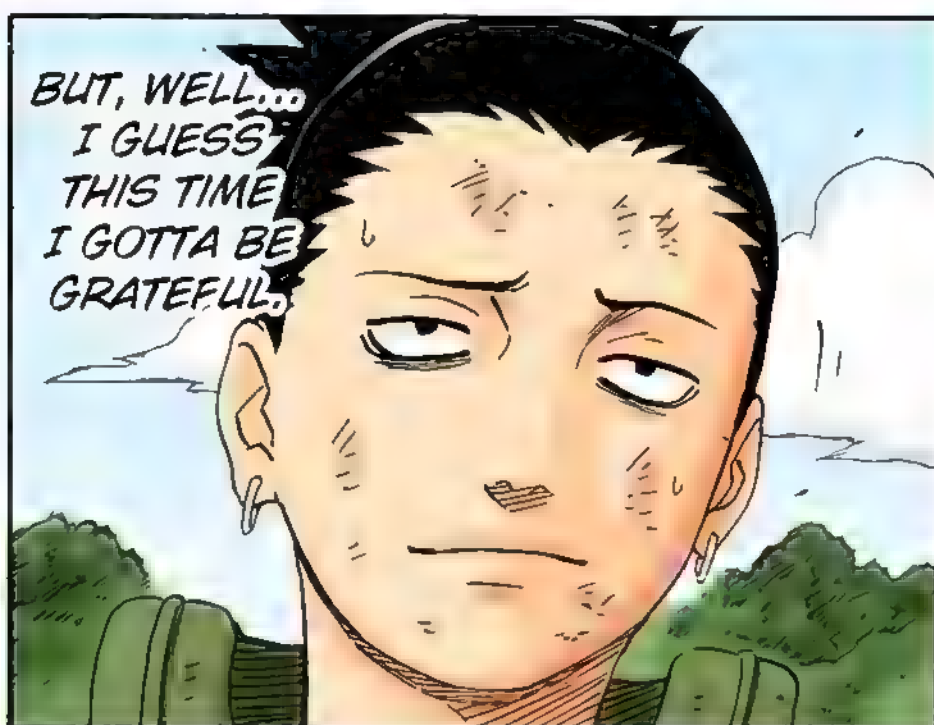
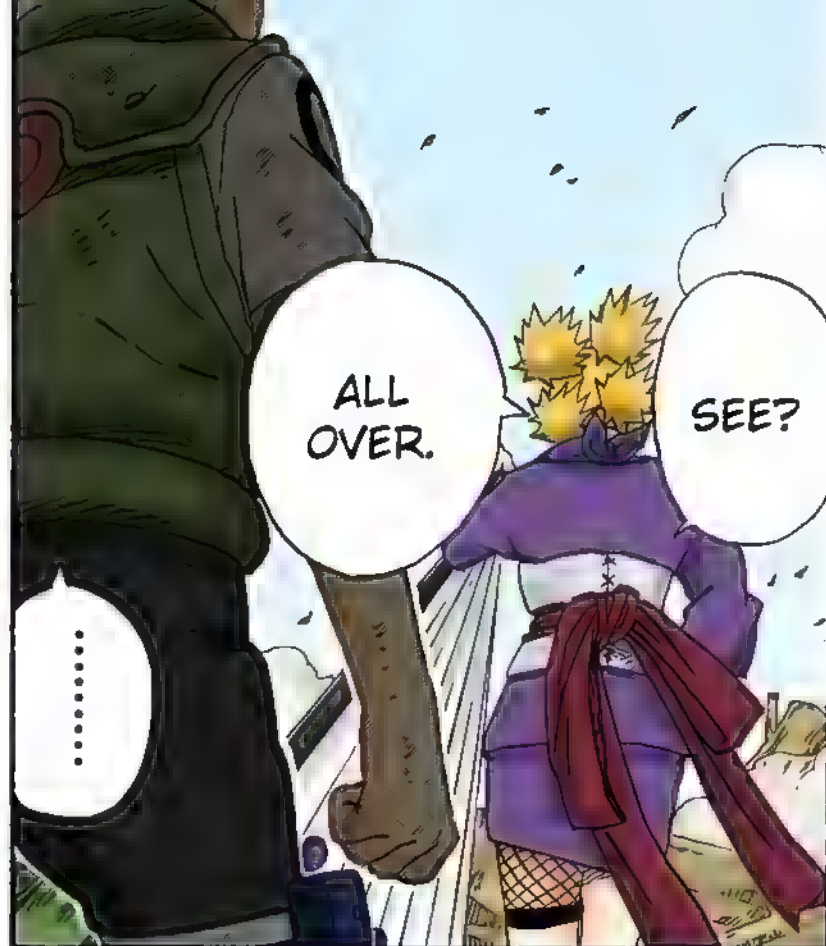
斬り斬り舞!!

SLASH!!

KIRIKIRI MAI!
BLADE DANCE!







THE WORLD OF KISHIMOTO MASASHI
PERSONAL HISTORY:
THE TOO-EMBARRASSING-TO-WRITE-ABOUT STORY, PART 4

THE IMAGE OF THAT SCENE IS ACID-ETCHED INTO MY MIND. I REMEMBER MY THOUGHTS, HOVERING THERE IN MIDAIR. WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF I LOST MY BALANCE? OH NO. DON'T LET ME FALL DOWN. THAT'S IT, FORGET THE LEGS. IF I JUST LAND WITH MY UPPER BODY STRAIGHT, LIKE A GYMNAST...

ANYWAY, NEVER MIND THE POTATO. I TOSSED IT ASIDE. **SQUELCH.** IT HIT THE MOUND FIRST. HEARING THAT SOUND GAVE ME THE RESOLVE I NEEDED. **SQUISH SMUSSH!** BOTH MY LEGS, PLANTED IN THE DUNG! IT WAS DEEPER THAN I HAD ENVISIONED. BUT ACTUALLY, THAT WAS A GODSEND. CEMENTED KNEE-DEEP, I MANAGED TO MAINTAIN MY BALANCE.

INSTEAD OF SURPRISING EVERYBODY WITH MY PRIZE POTATO, I WOUND UP STIRRING THEM IN A DIFFERENT WAY.

AND THEN CAME THE MISERY. I CALLED TO A NEARBY CLASSMATE FOR HELP. HE RAN TO THE NEAREST TEACHER, SCREAMING FULL BLAST: "MASASHI'S BURIED IN POO!" I'LL NEVER FORGET WHAT HAPPENED NEXT... THE TEACHER REFUSED TO HELP ME. I GUESS SHE WAS AVERSE TO RURAL ARTIFACTS. TO MY RELIEF AND HER CREDIT, MY MOTHER THEN CAME TO THE RESCUE, LIFTING ME OUT OF MY PREDICAMENT WITHOUT HESITATION. IN THE MOMENT I LEARNED AWE FOR THE LOVE OF A MOTHER.

TO THIS DAY WHEN A YAM CROSSES MY PATH, IT BRINGS ME BACK TO THAT EVENT. AND NOW THE MORAL (IN TWO PARTS): NO GOOD EVER COMES FROM BEING CAUGHT UP WITH THINGS; AND WHEN IT COMES TO IT, MOTHERS ARE BRAVE!

215: GAARA OF THE SAND

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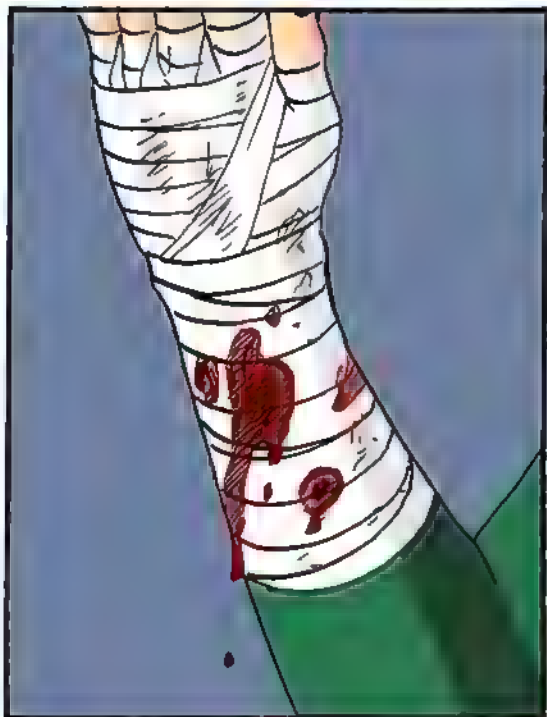
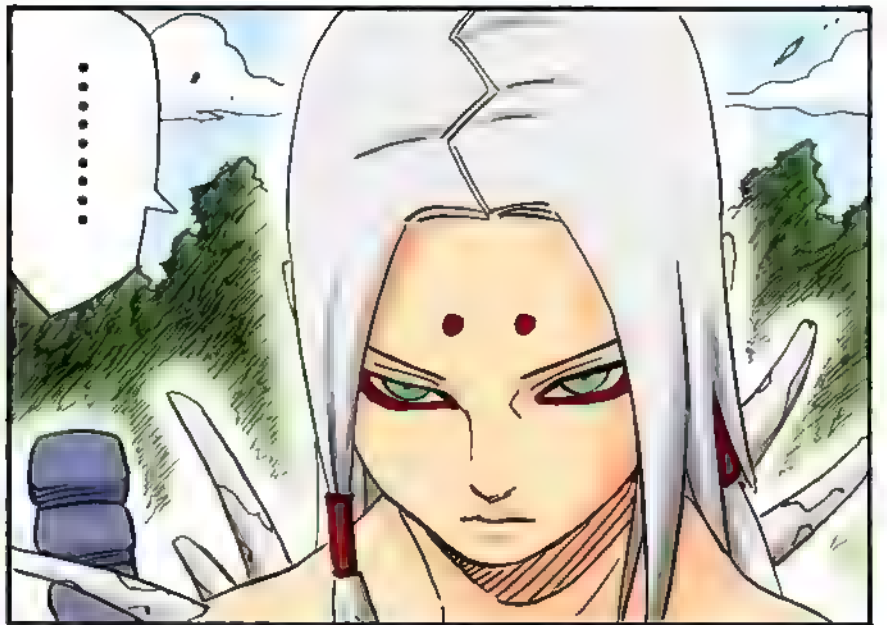
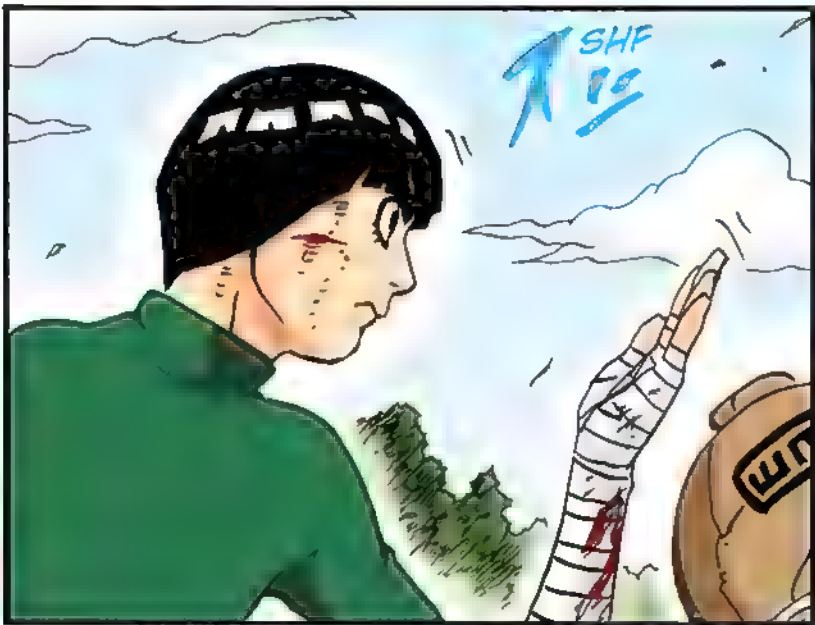
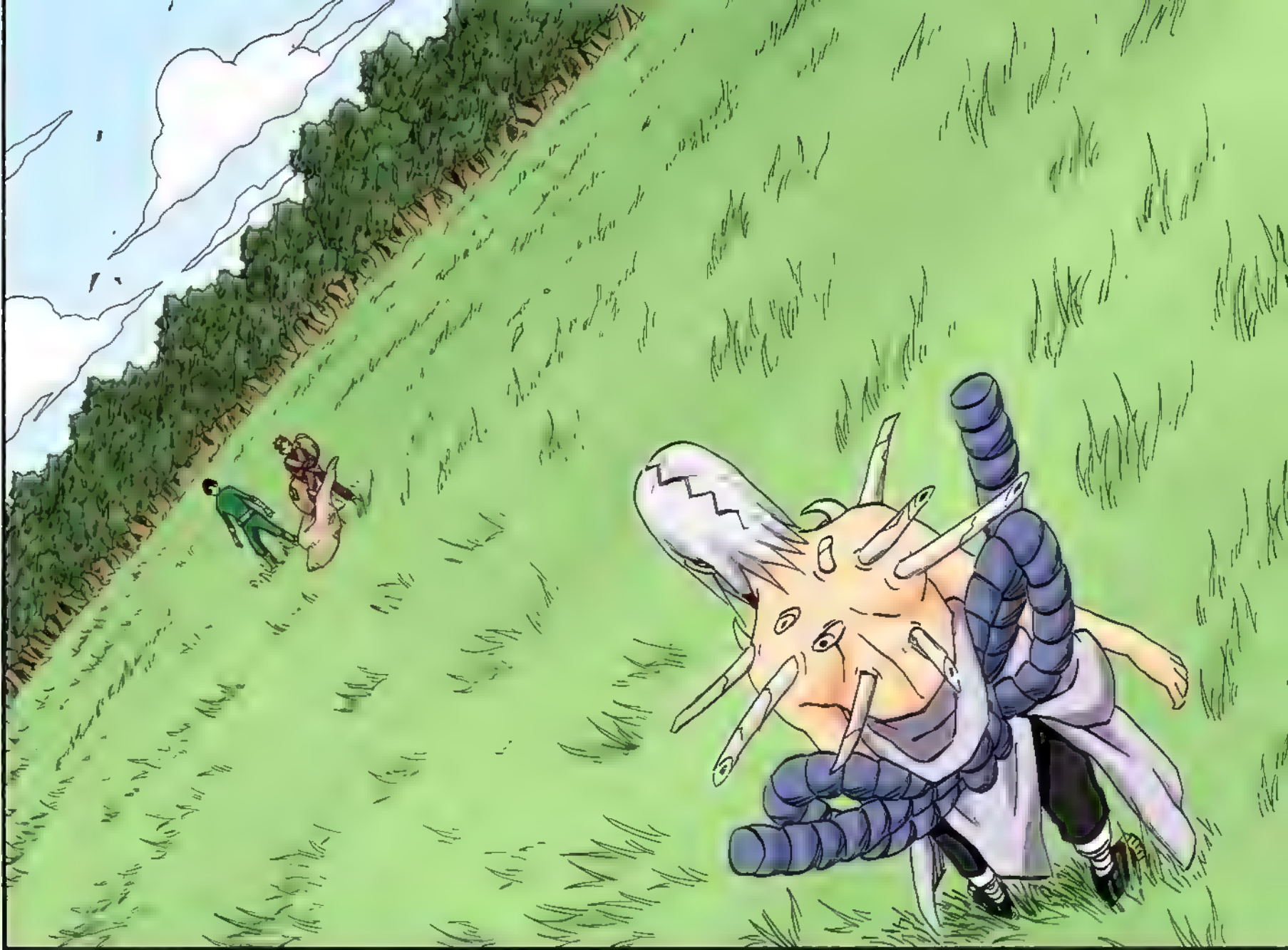
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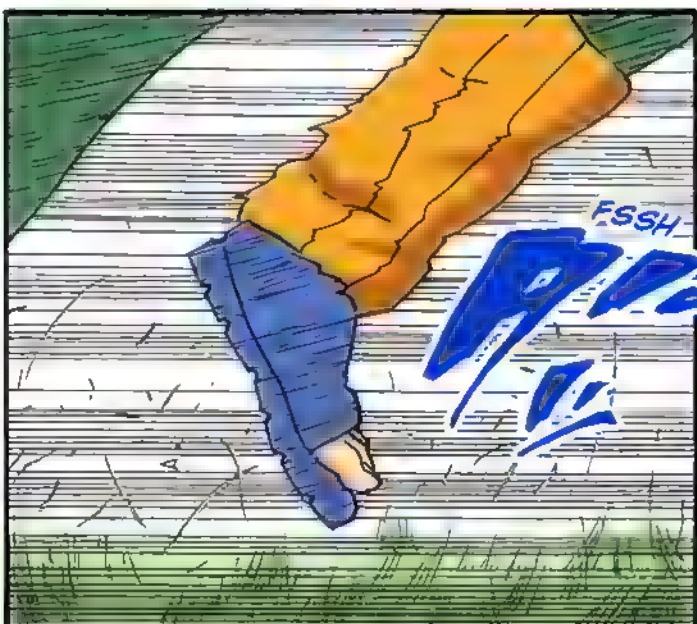
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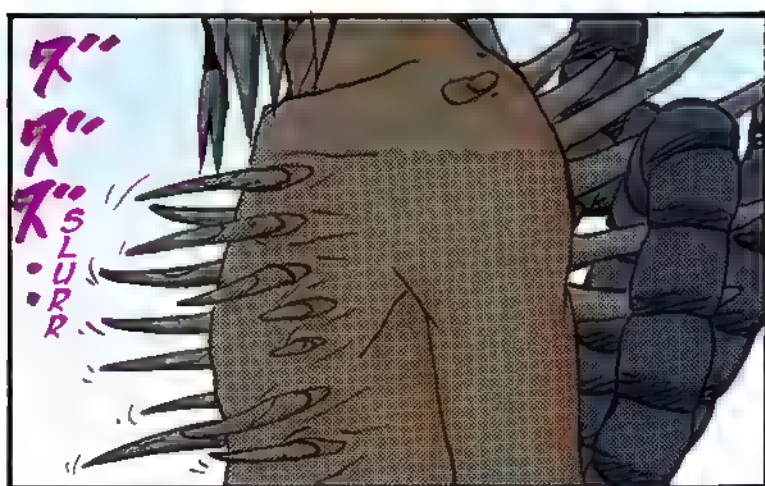
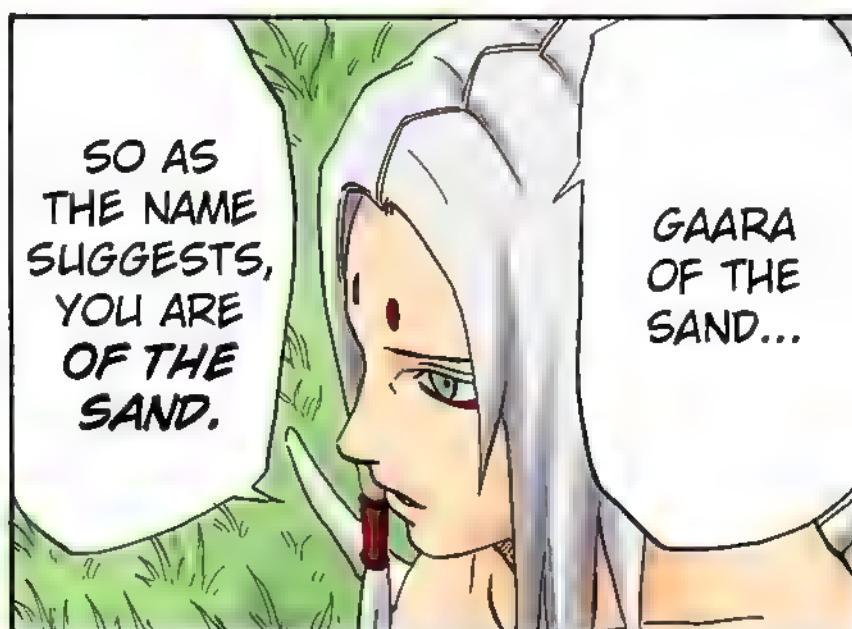
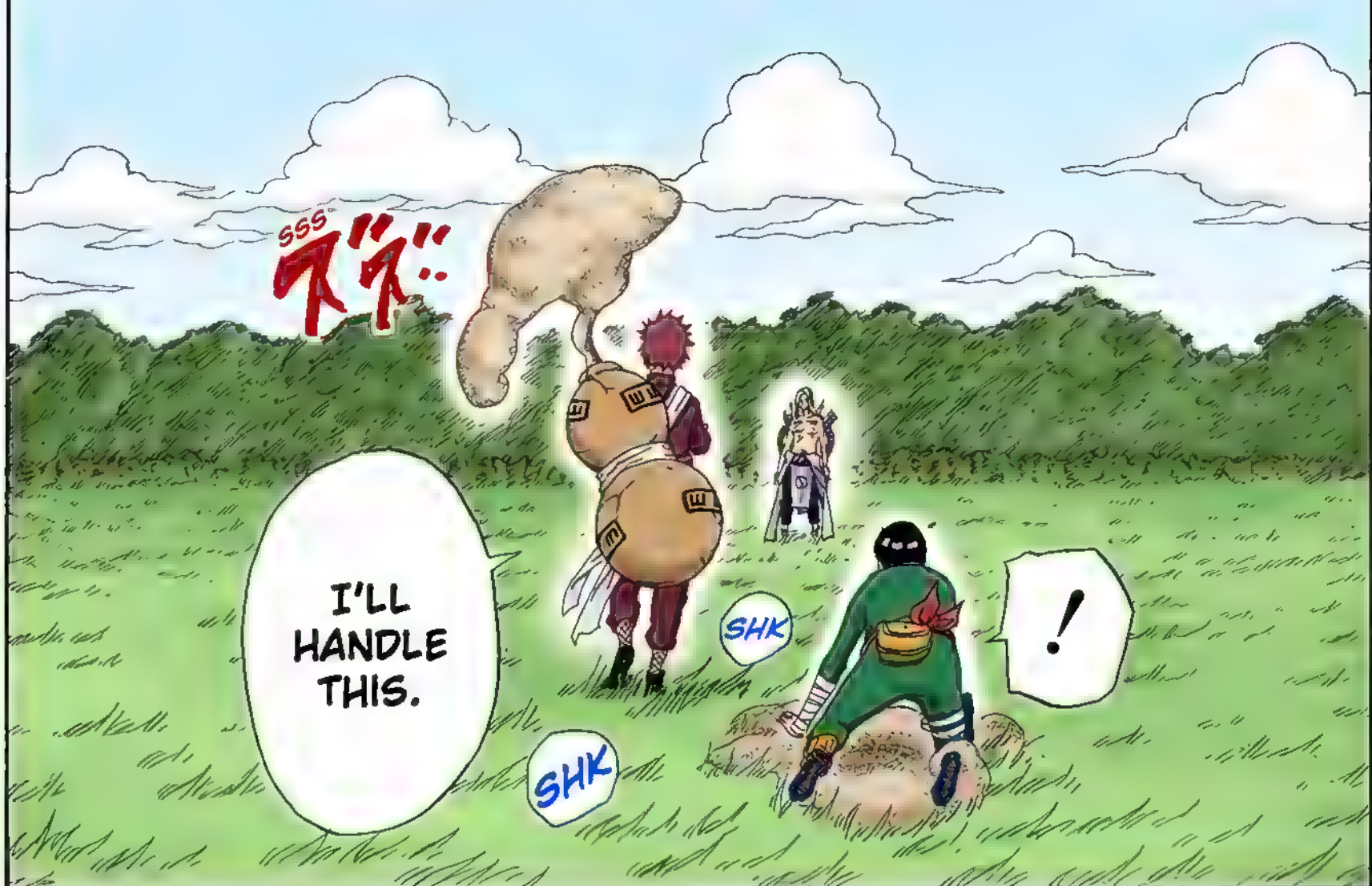
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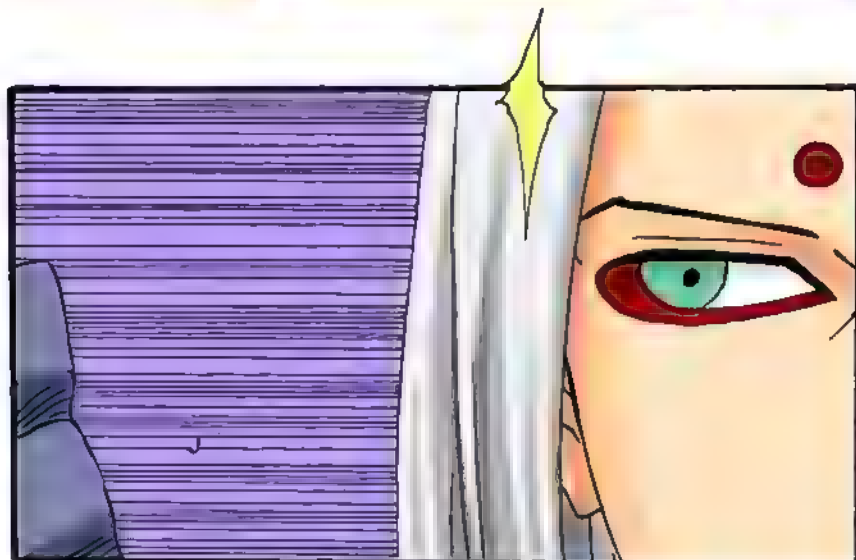
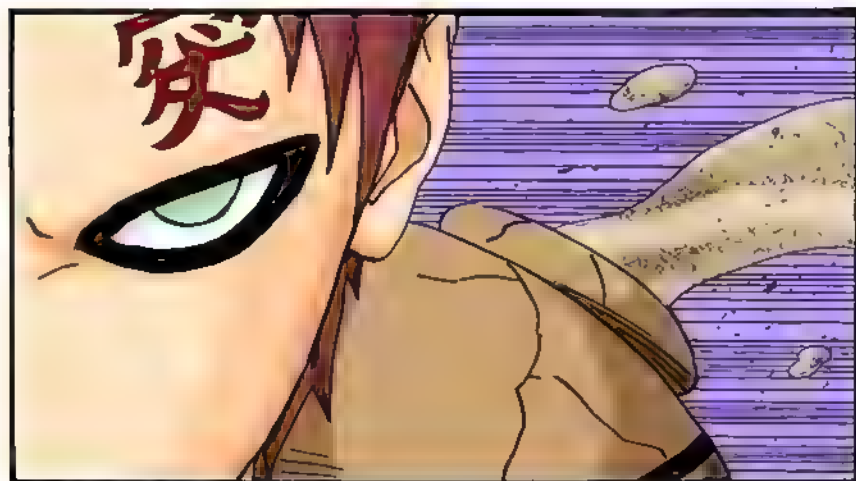
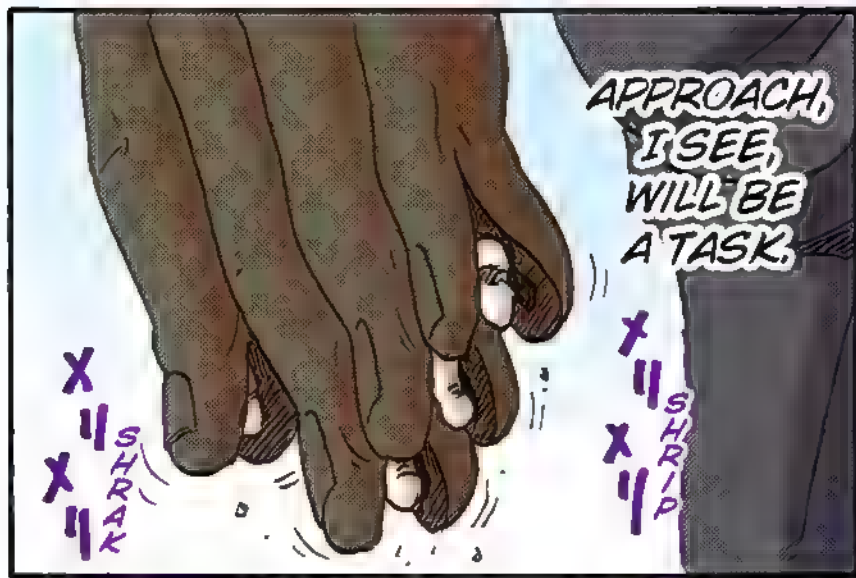




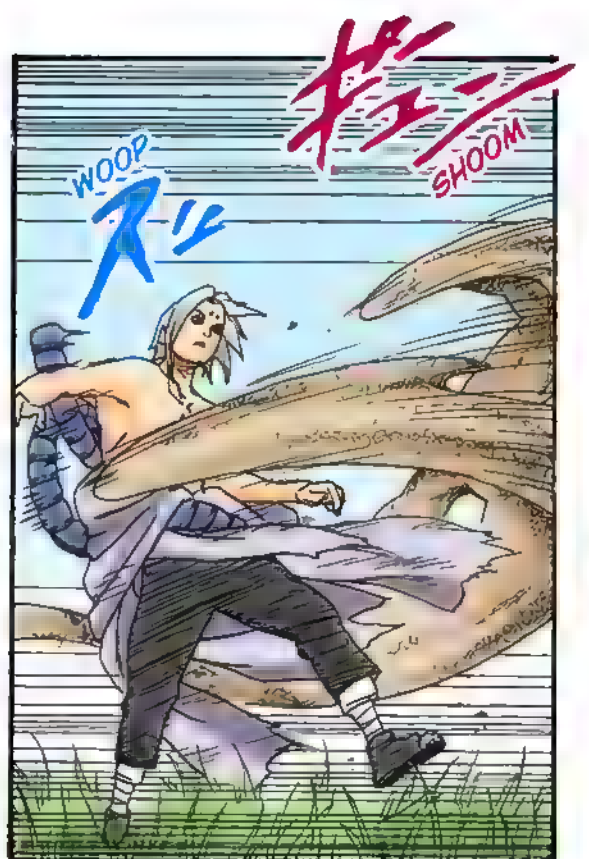
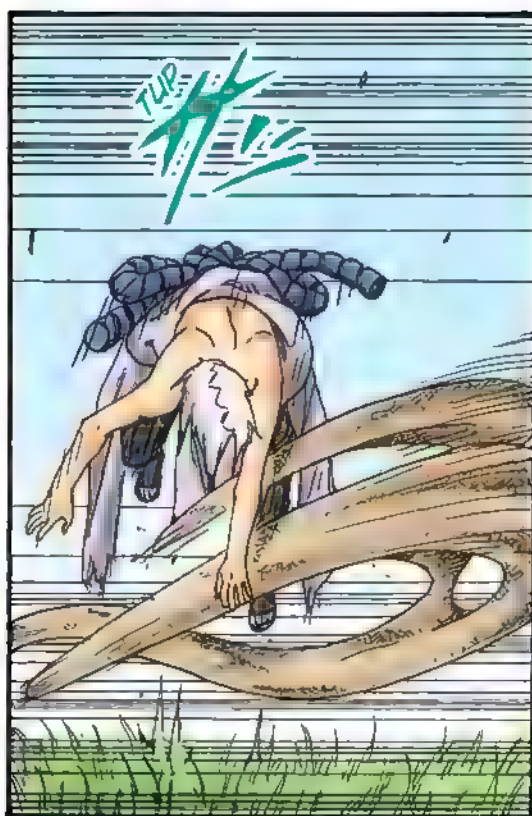
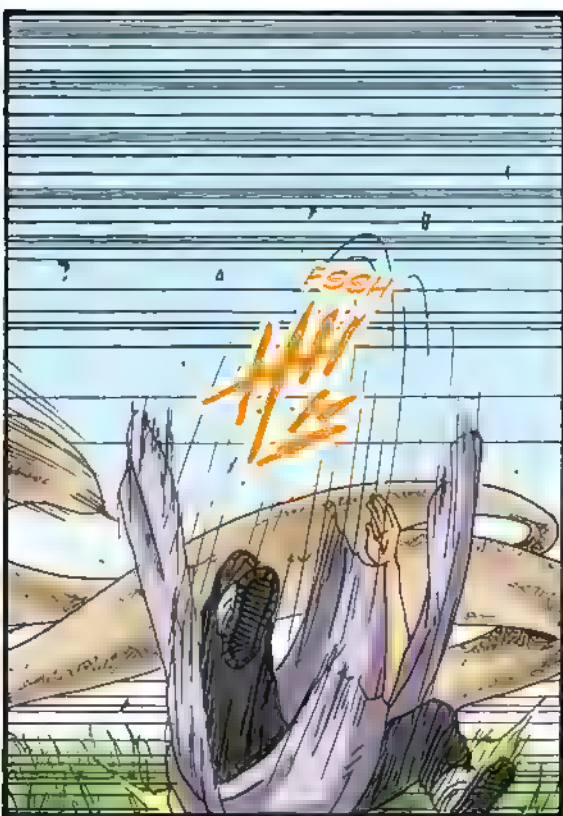
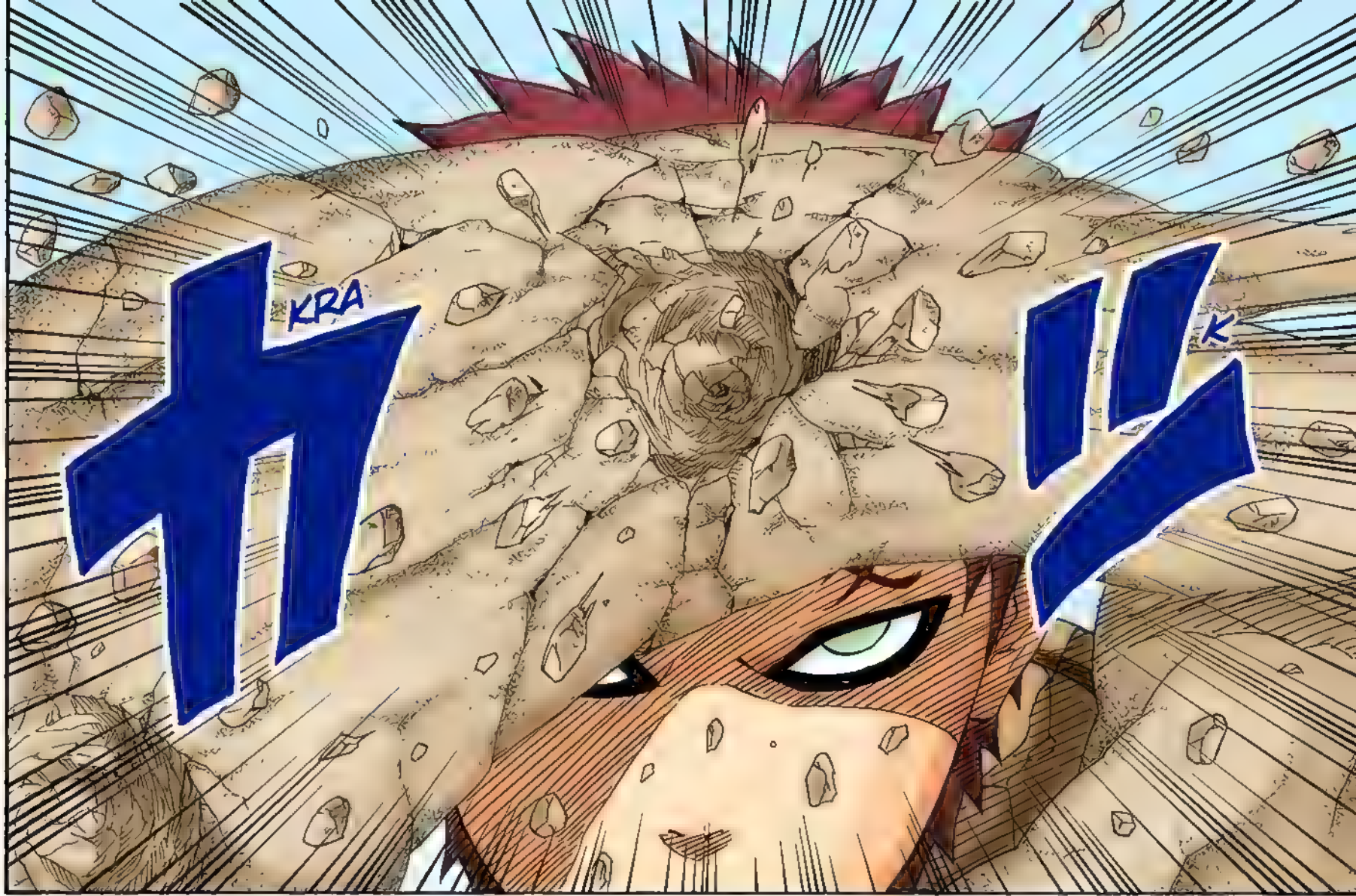


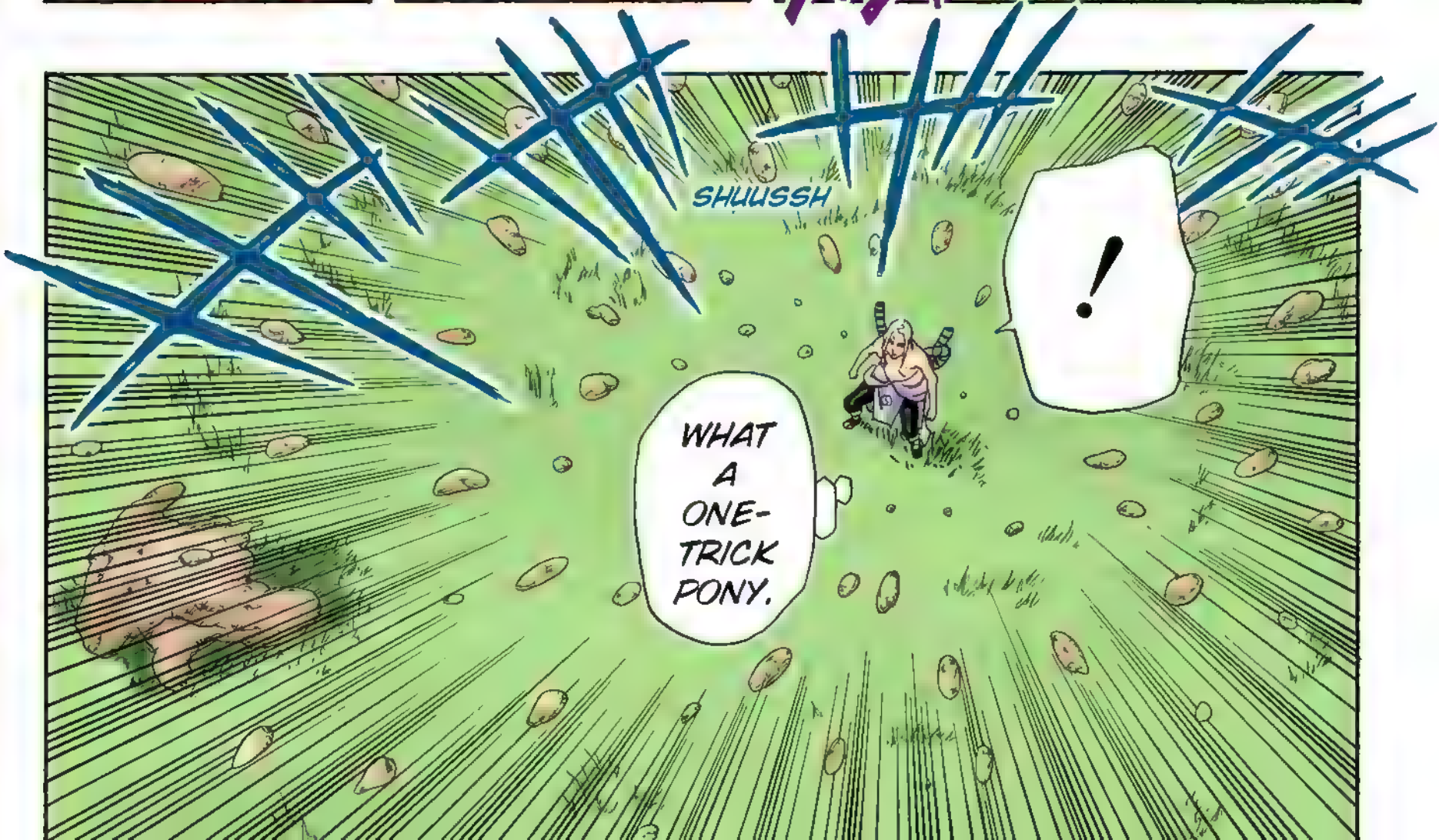
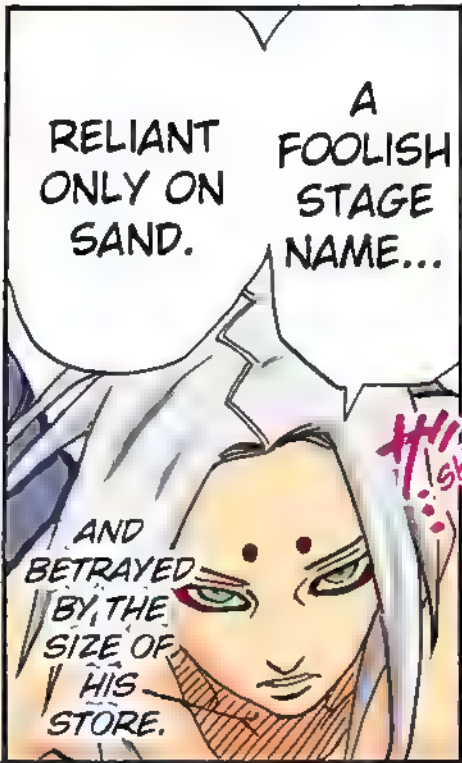
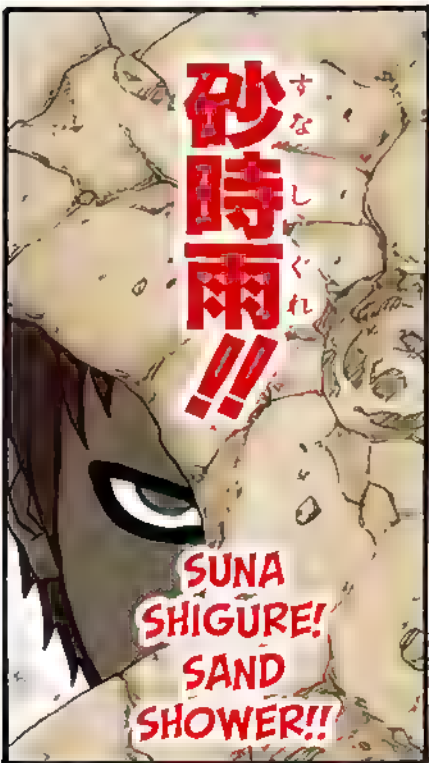
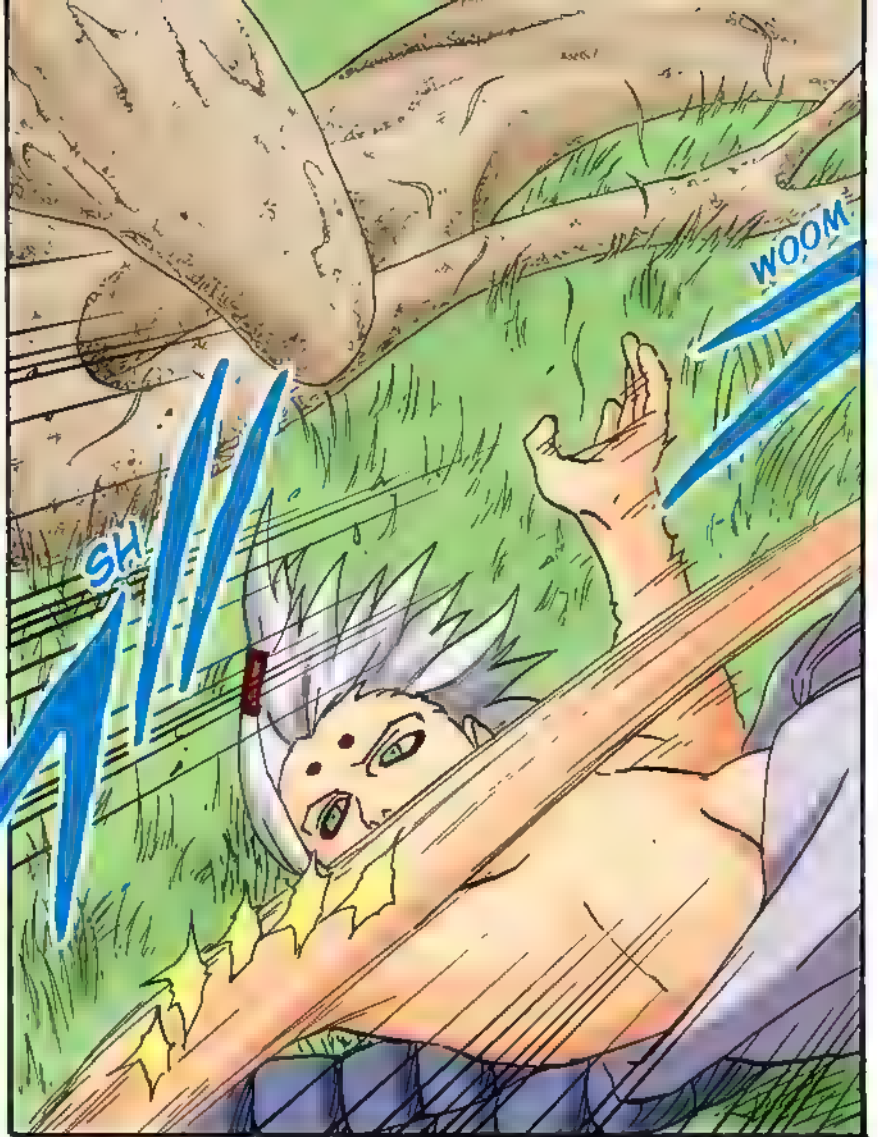
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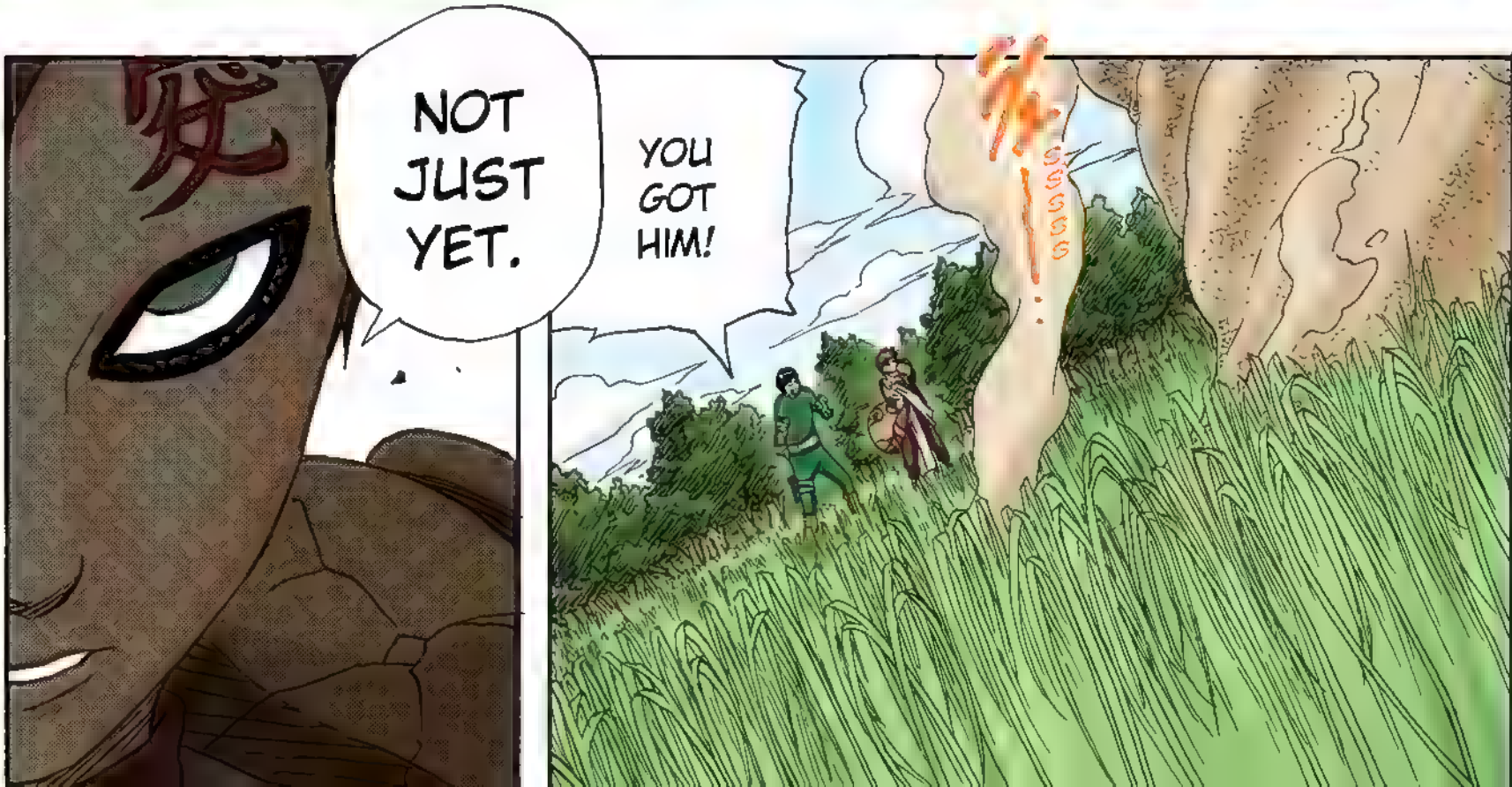
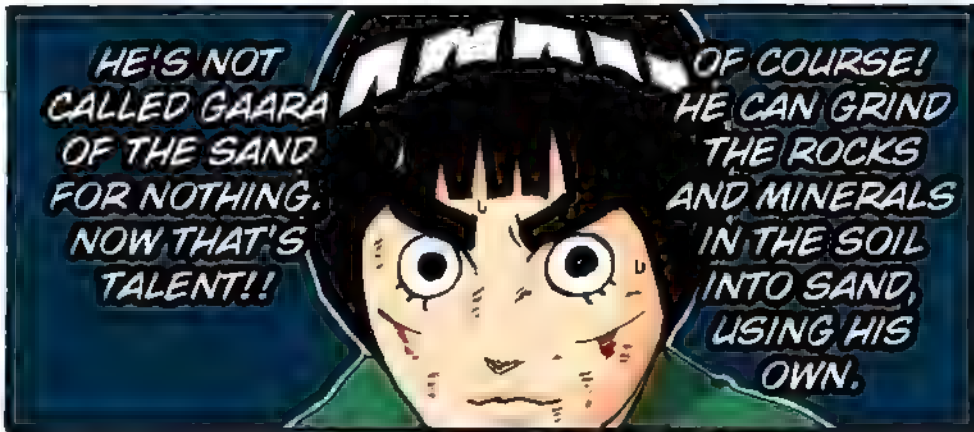
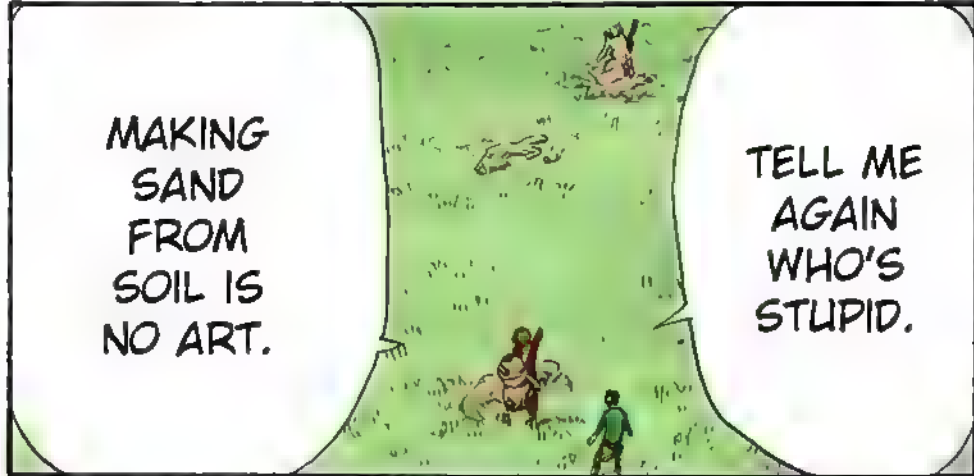
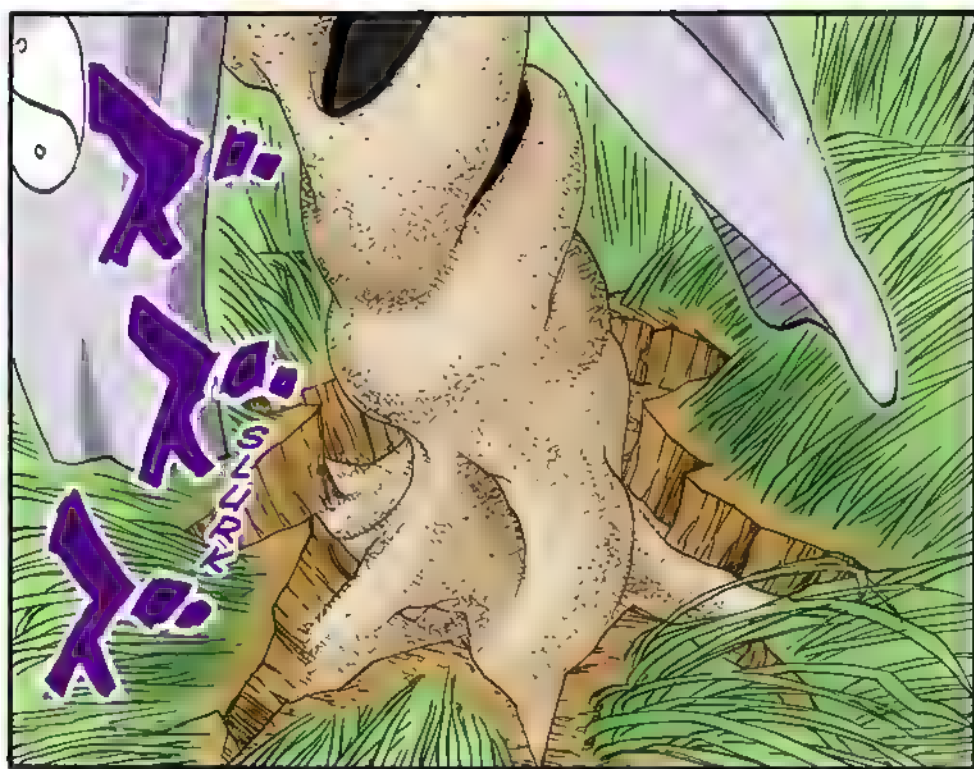












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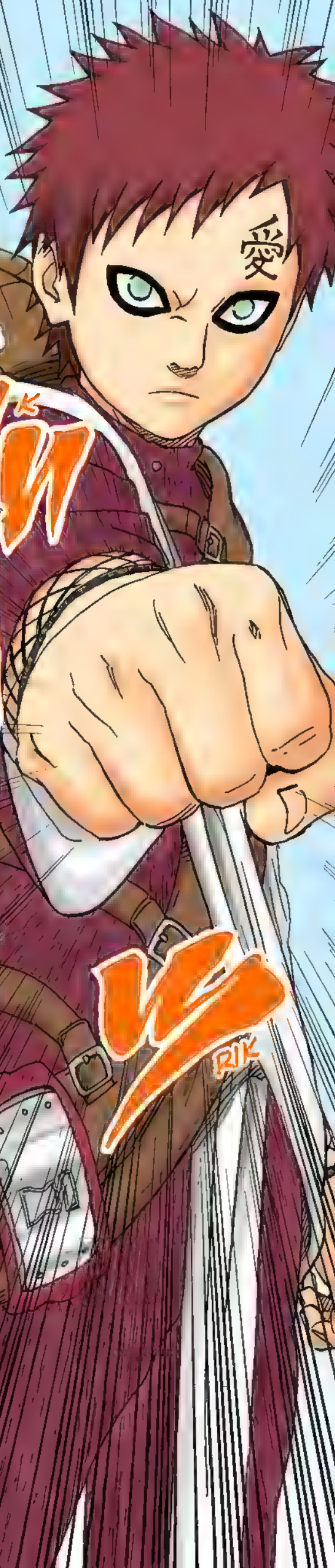
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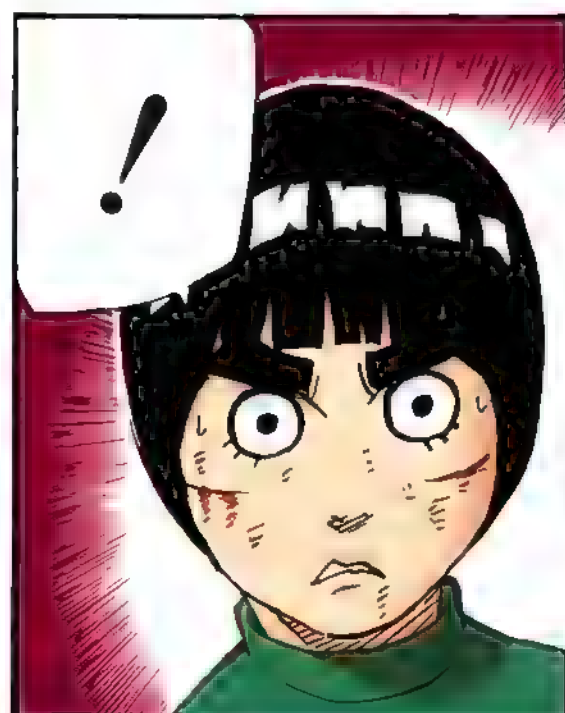
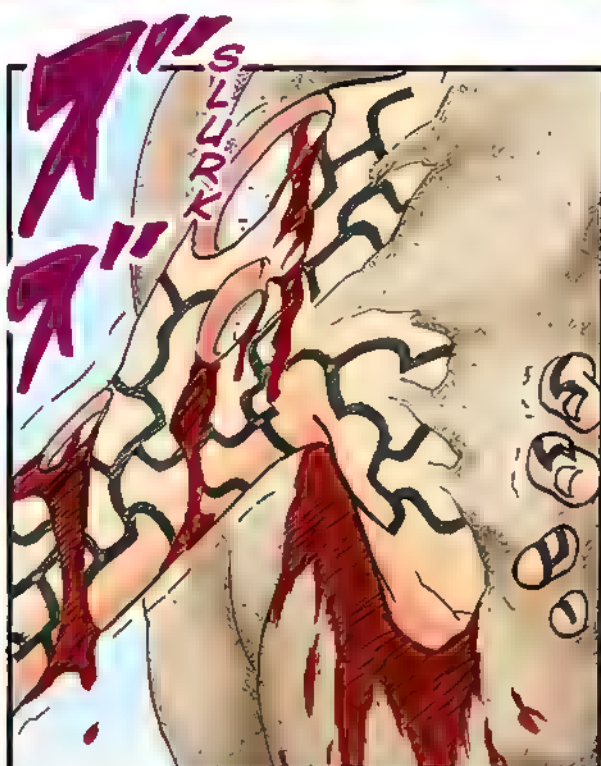
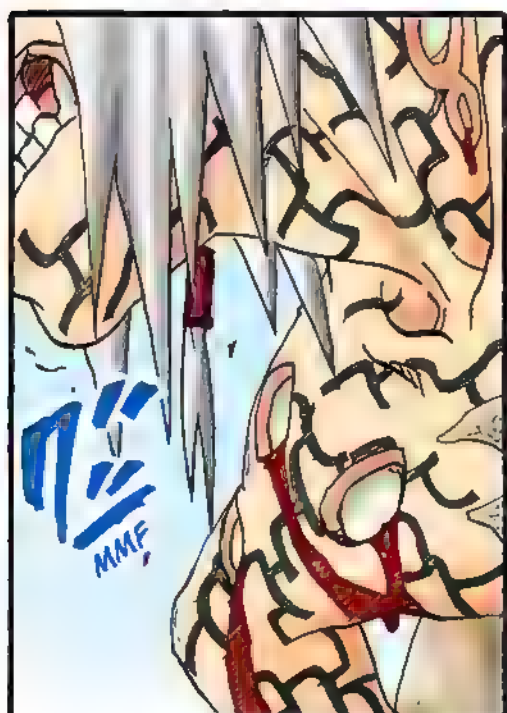
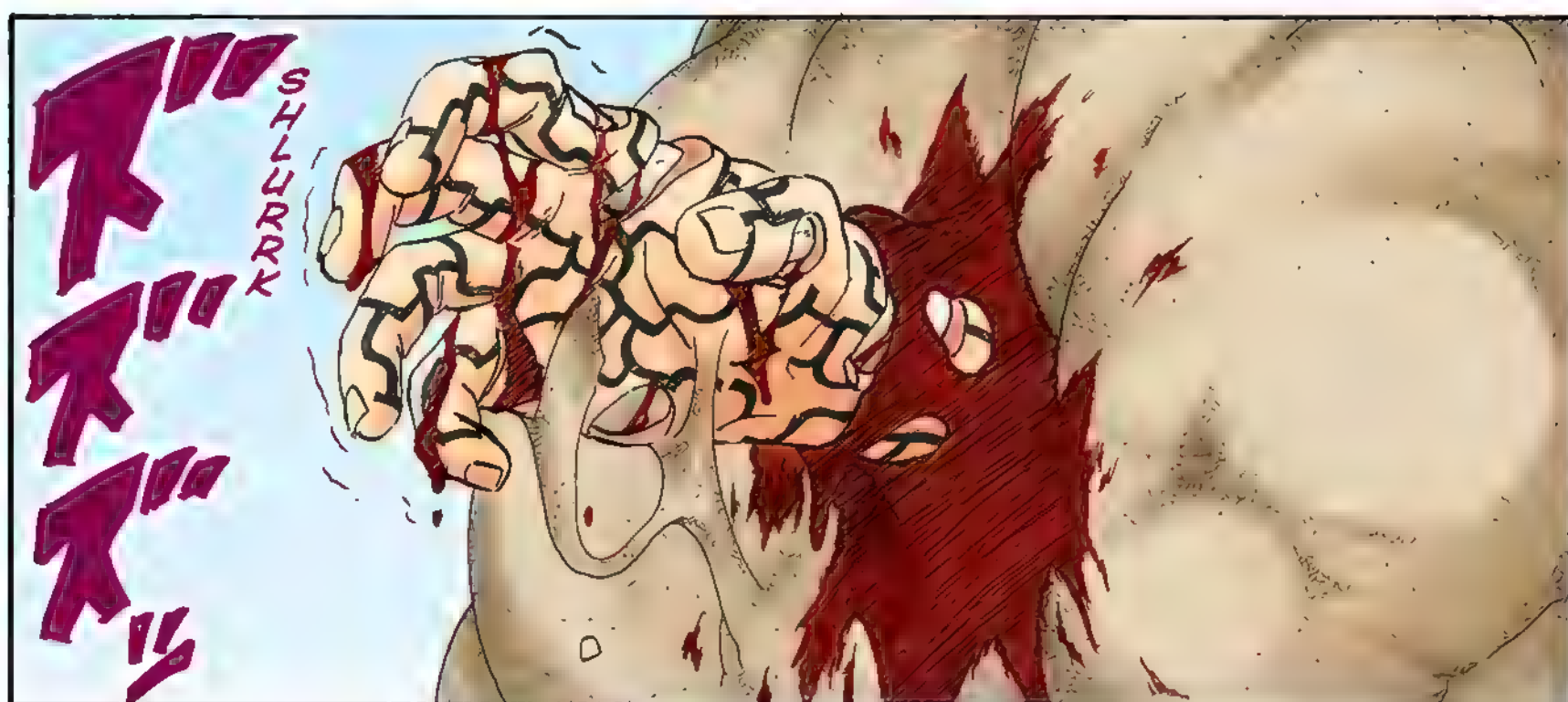
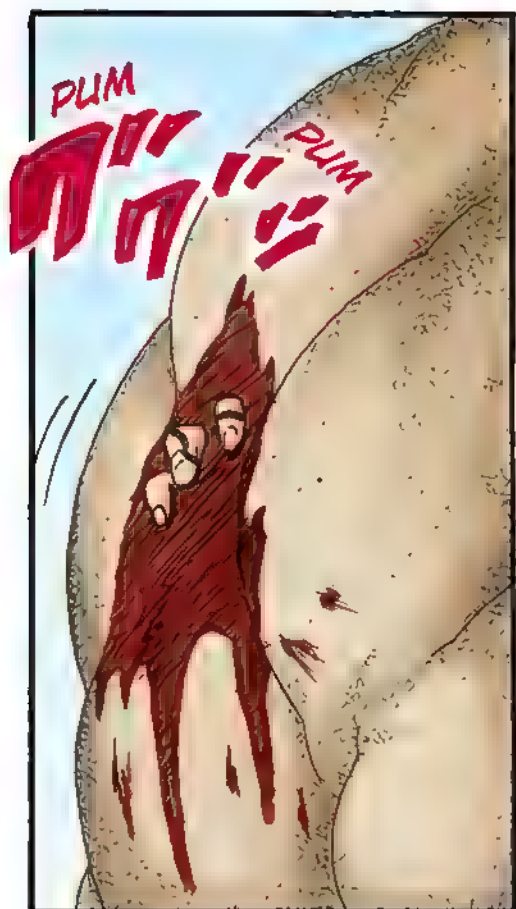
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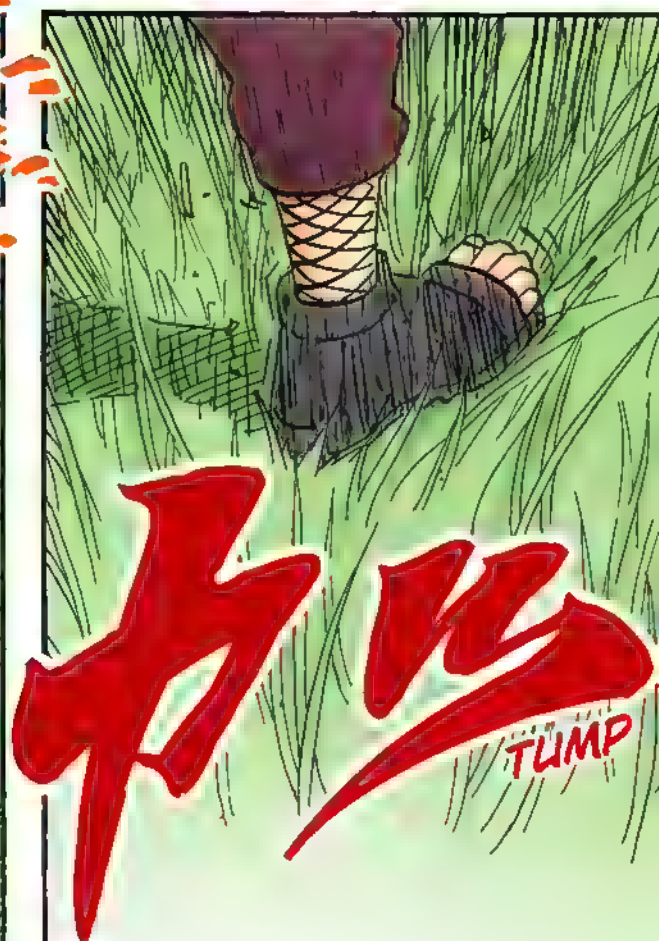
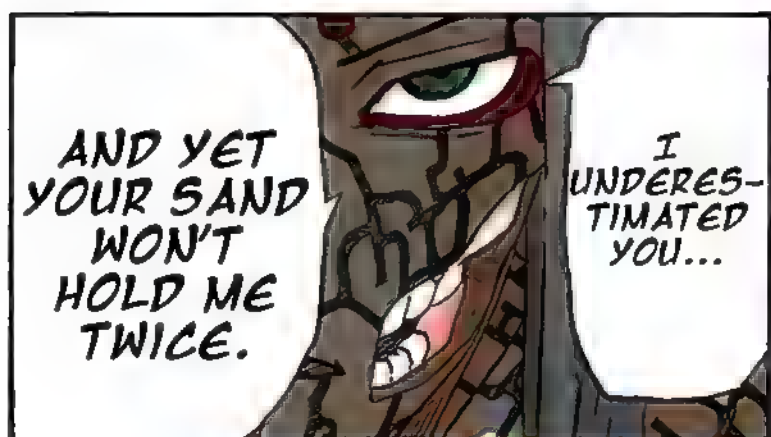
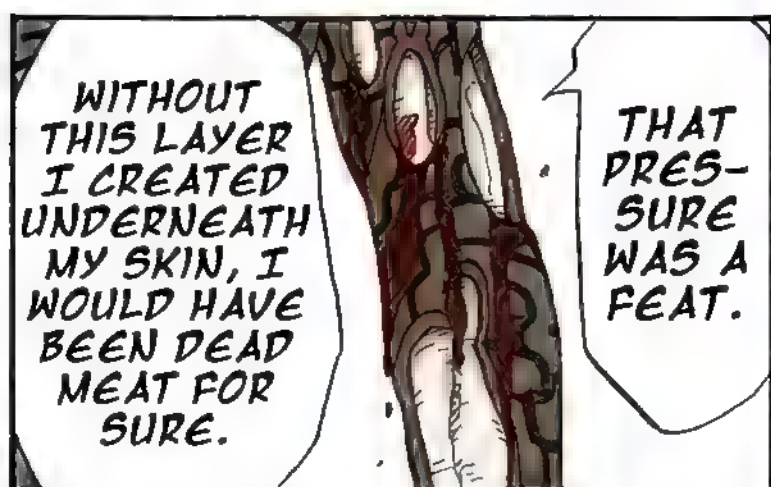
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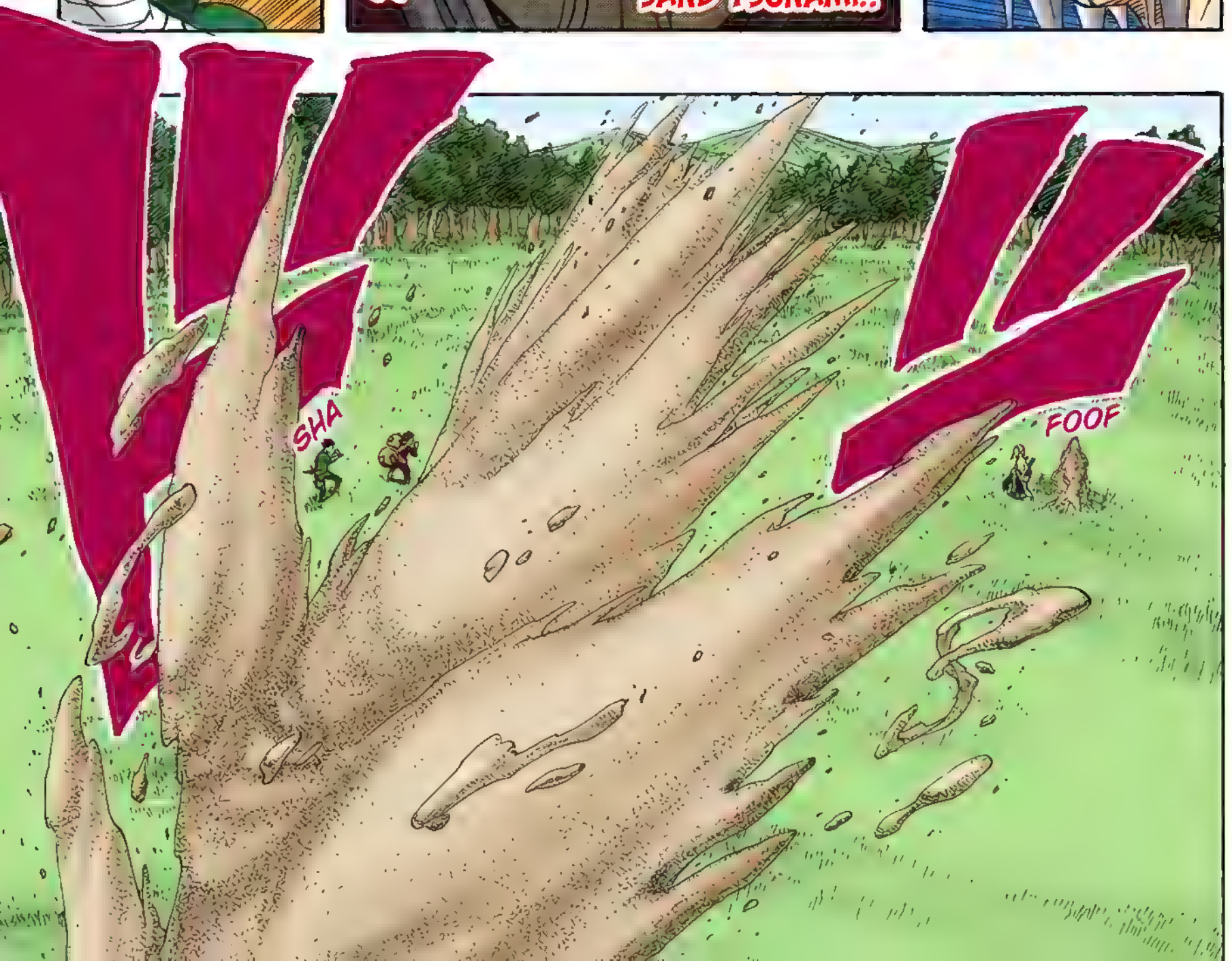
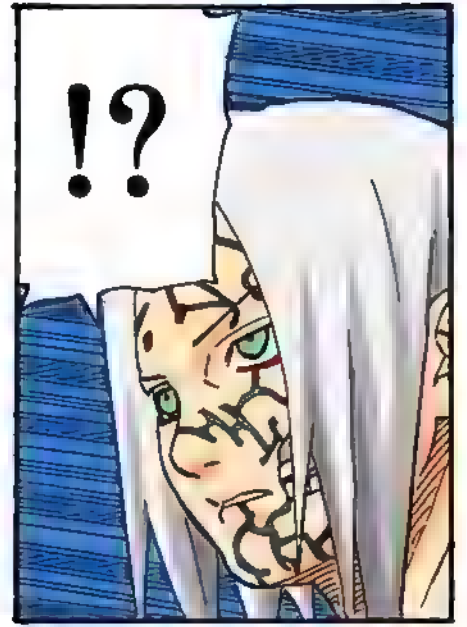
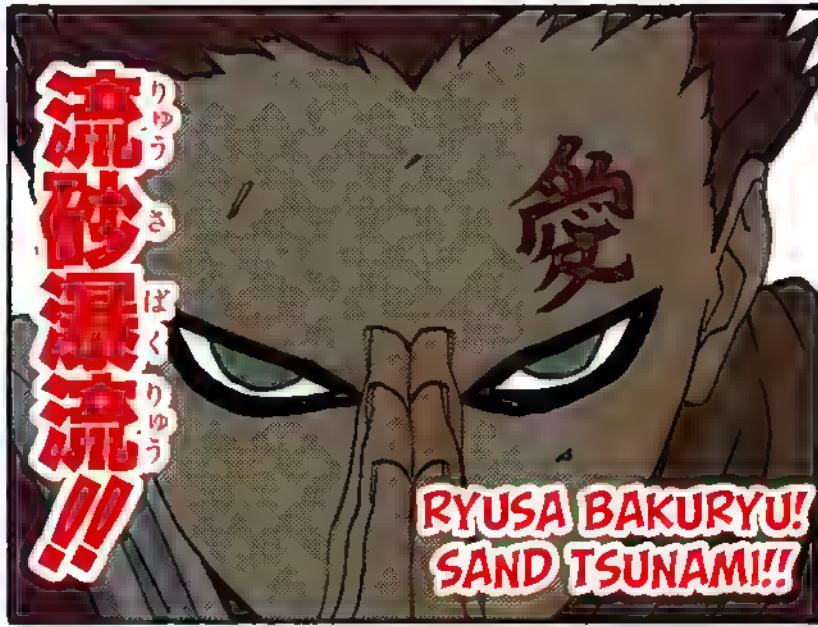
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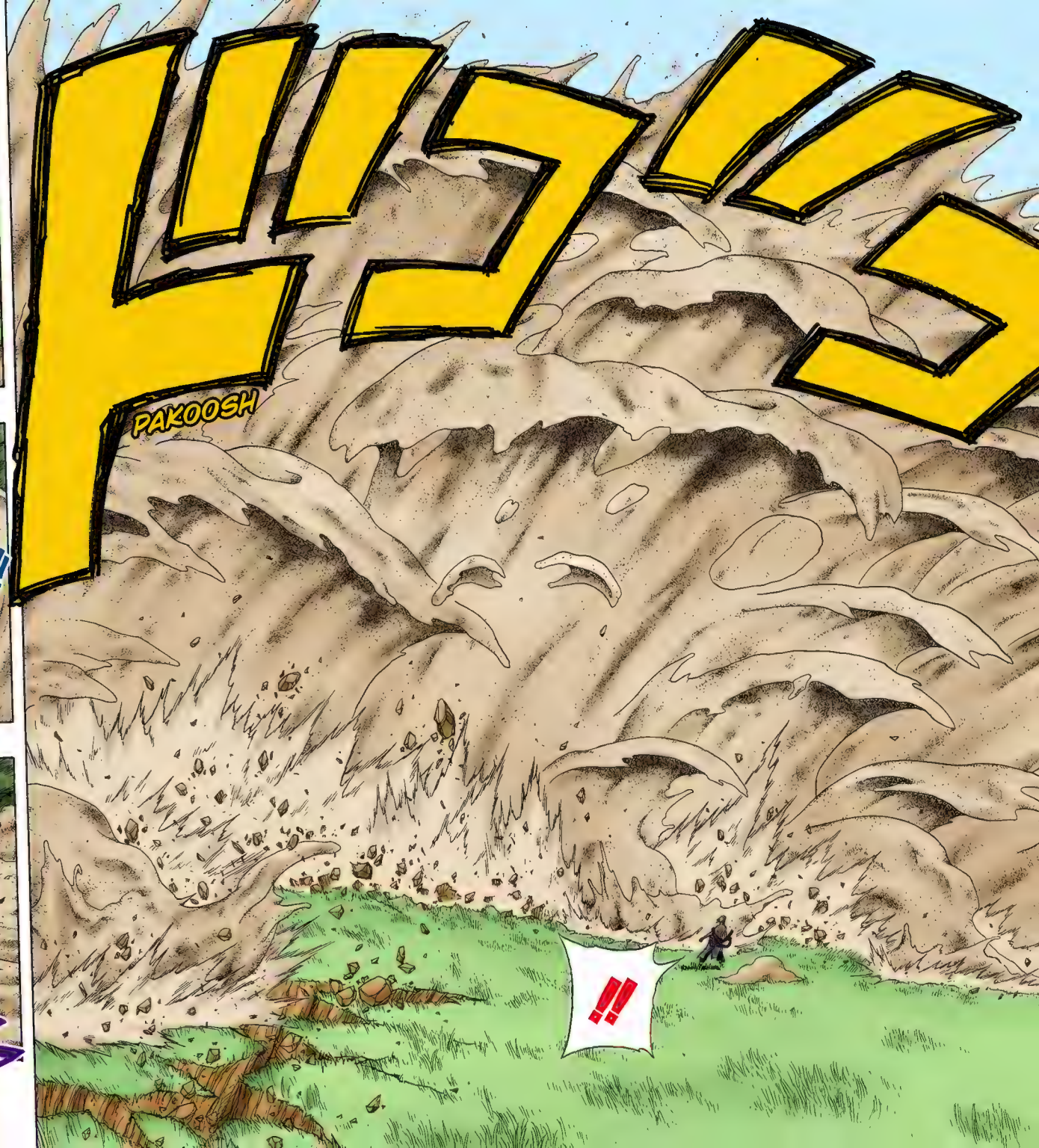
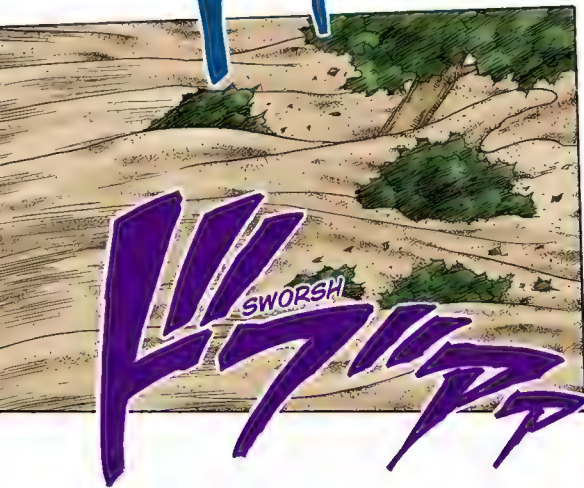
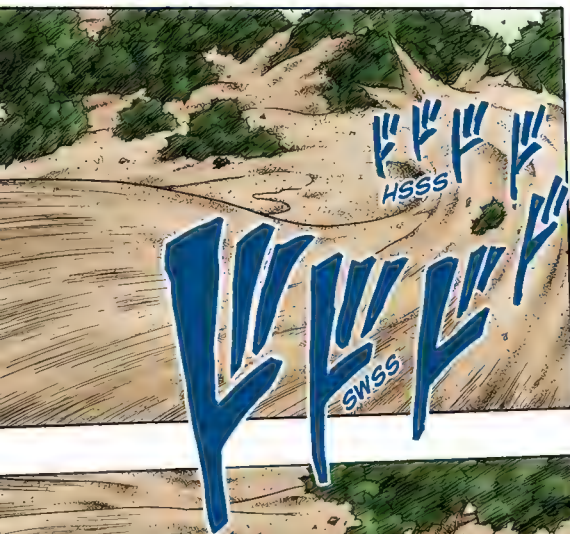
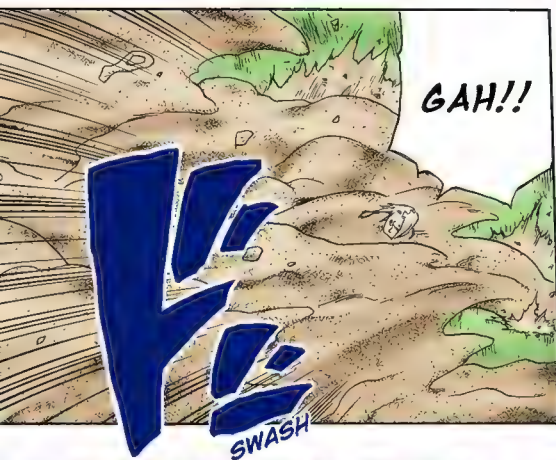
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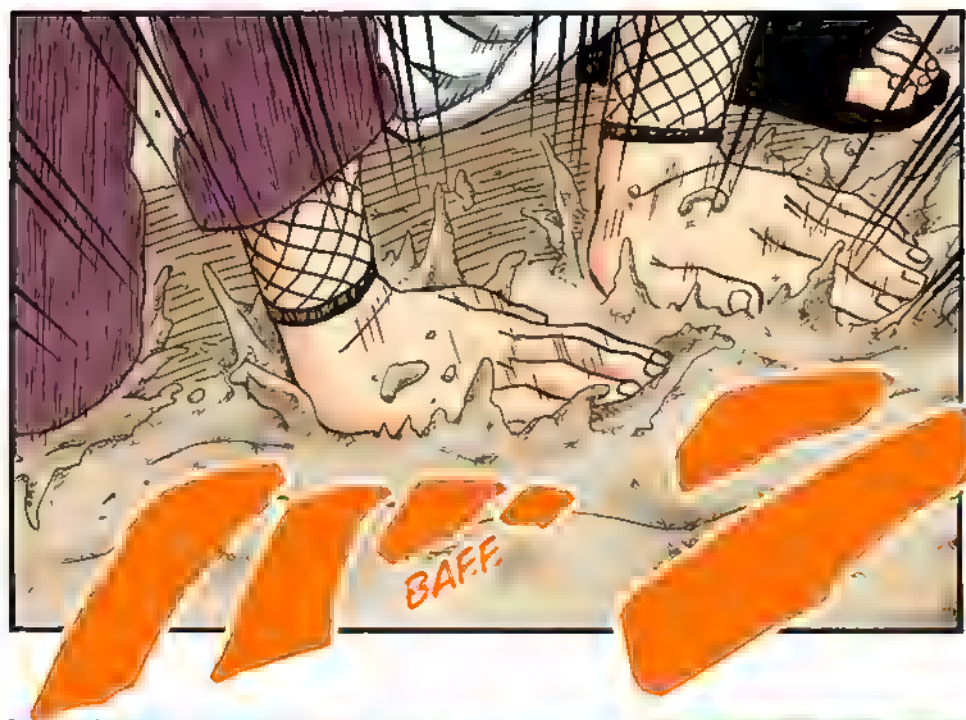
















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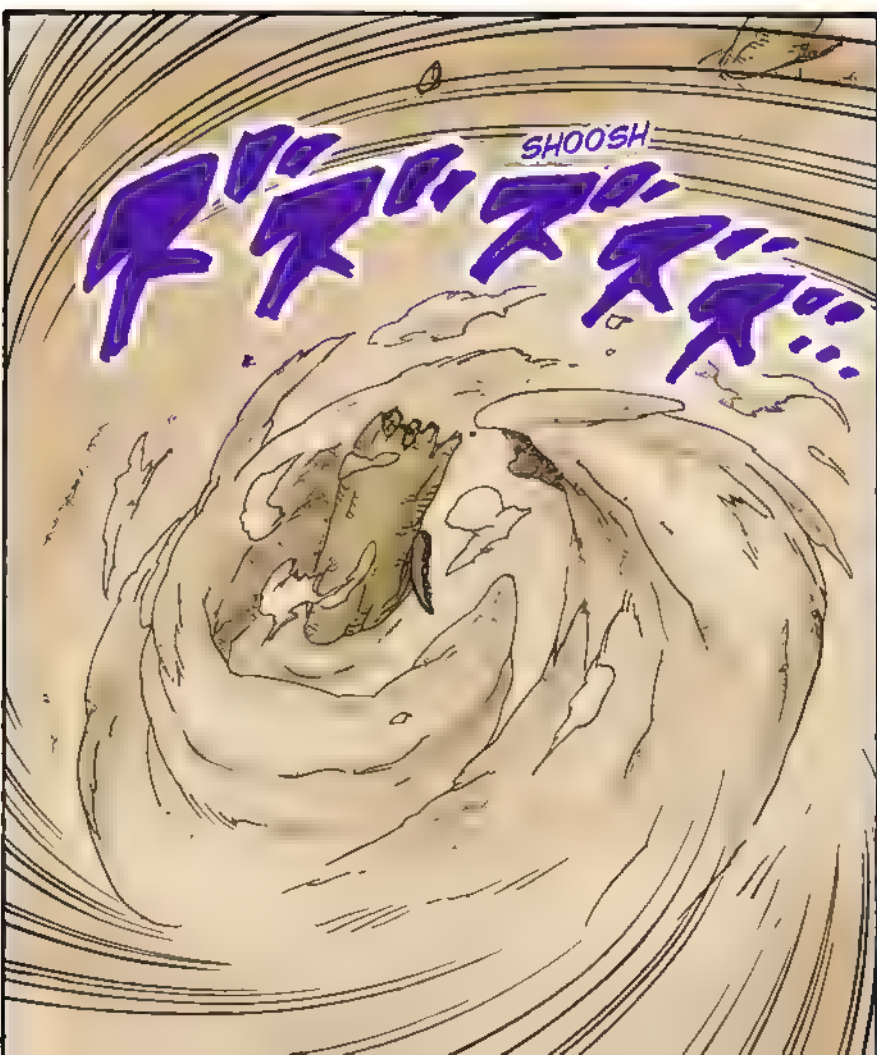
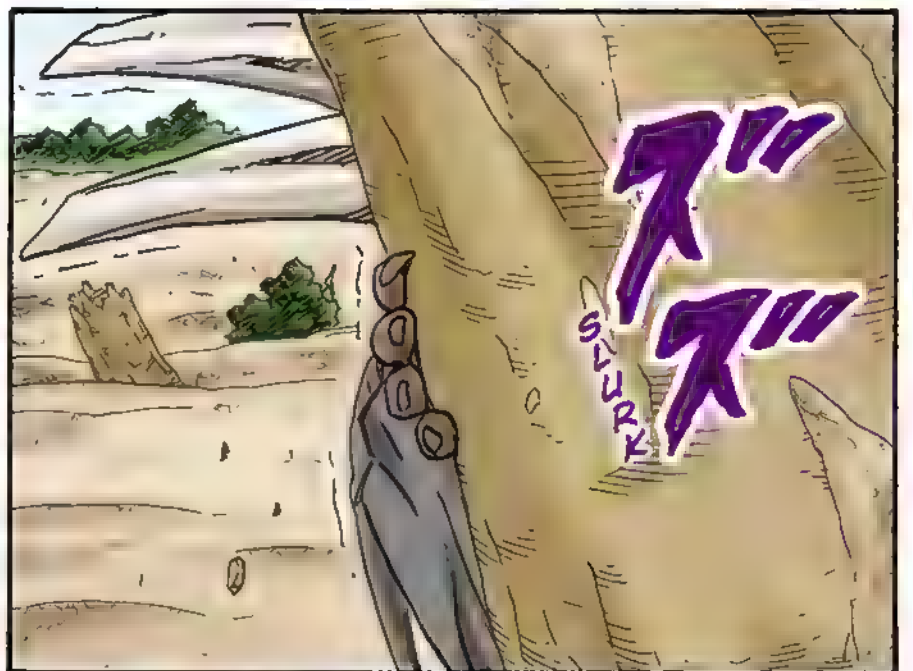
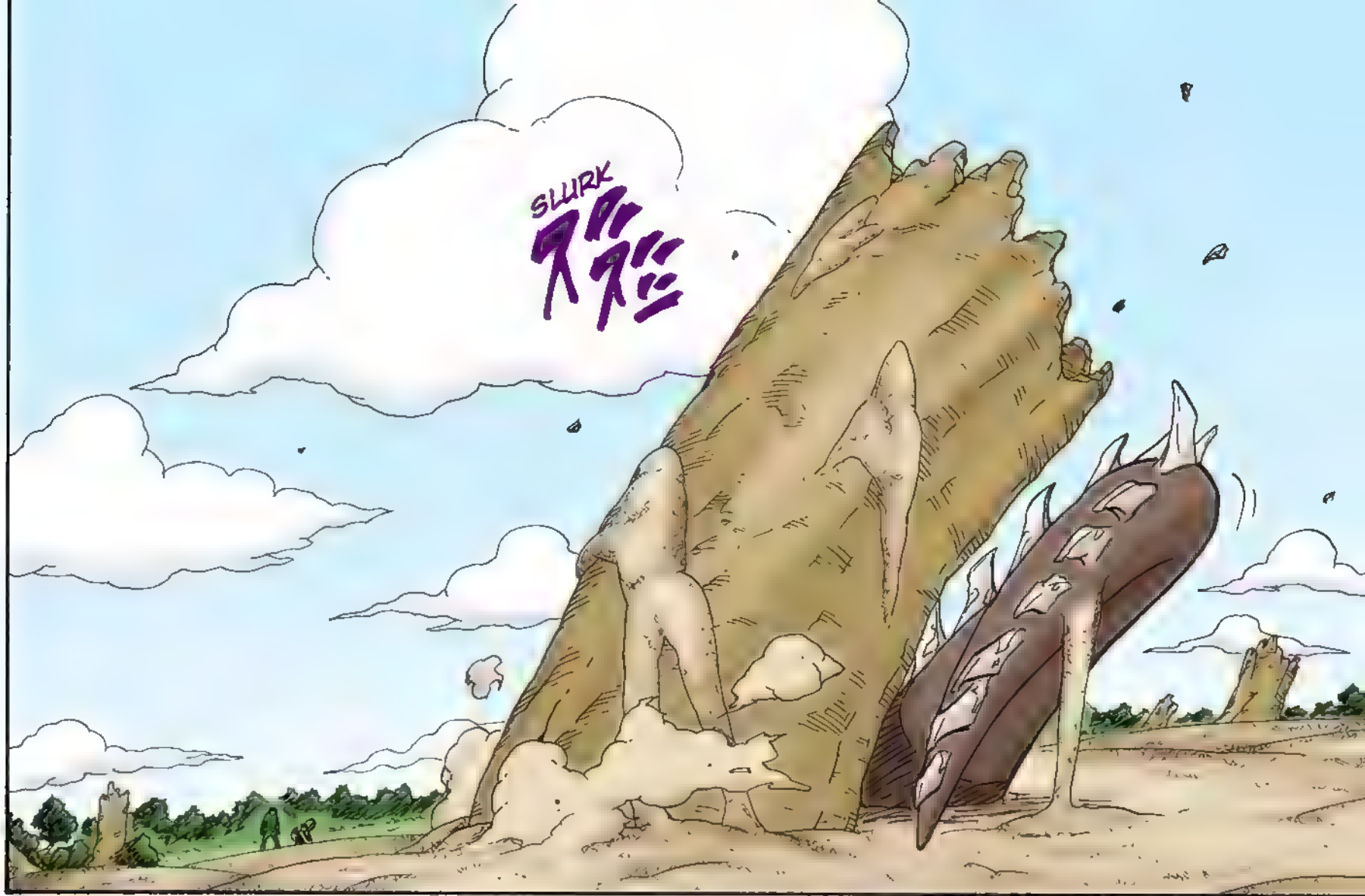
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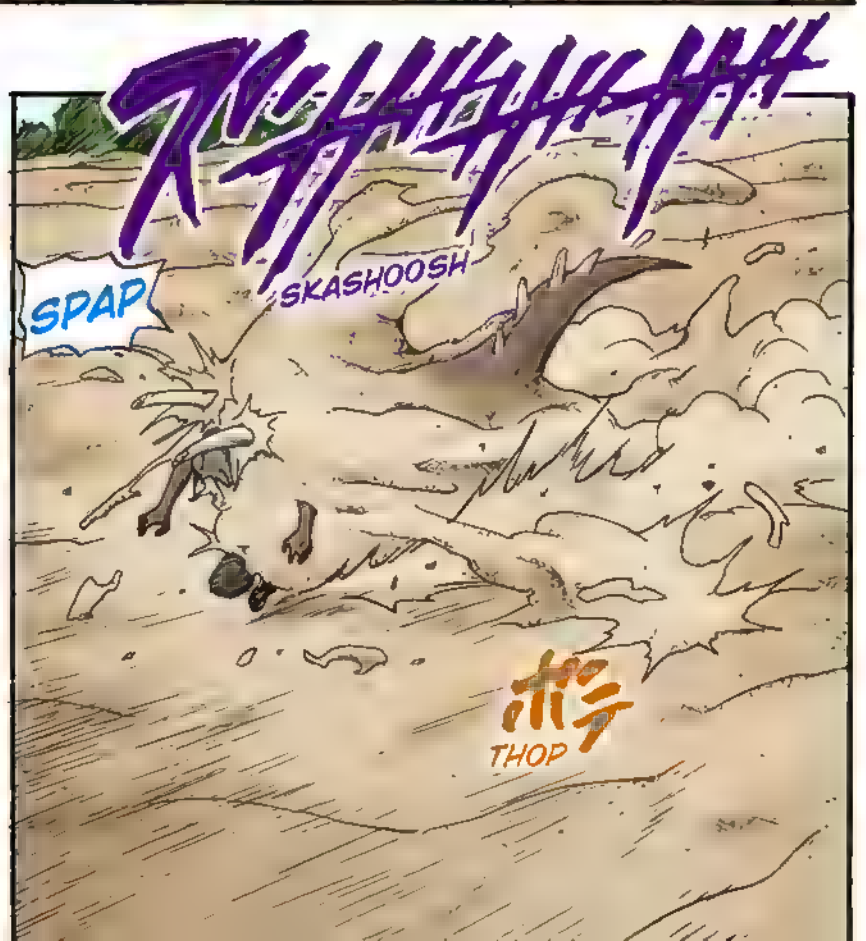
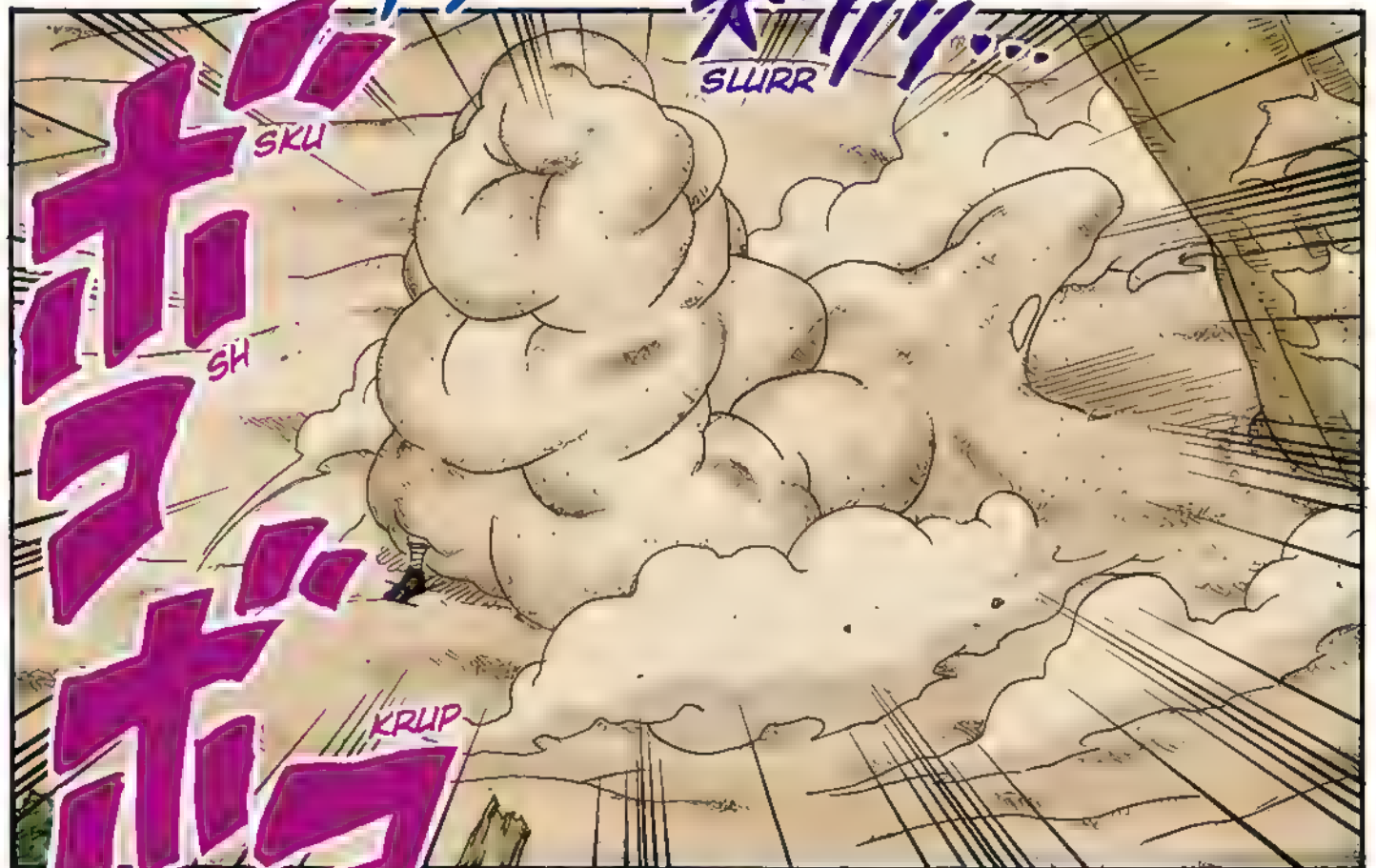
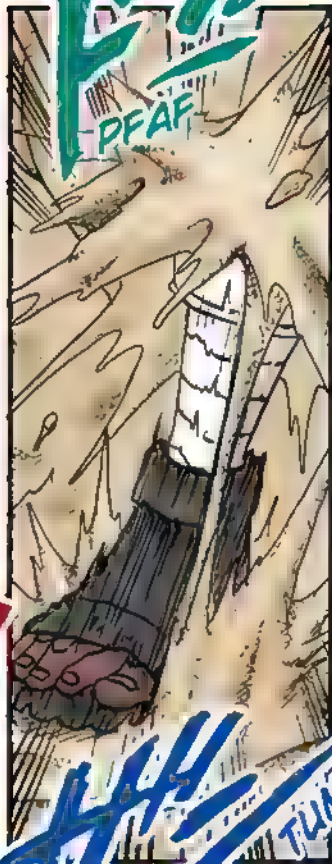
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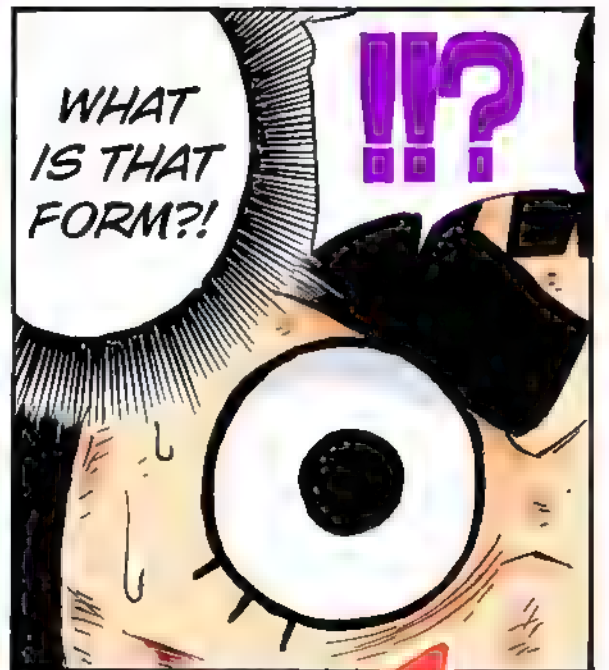
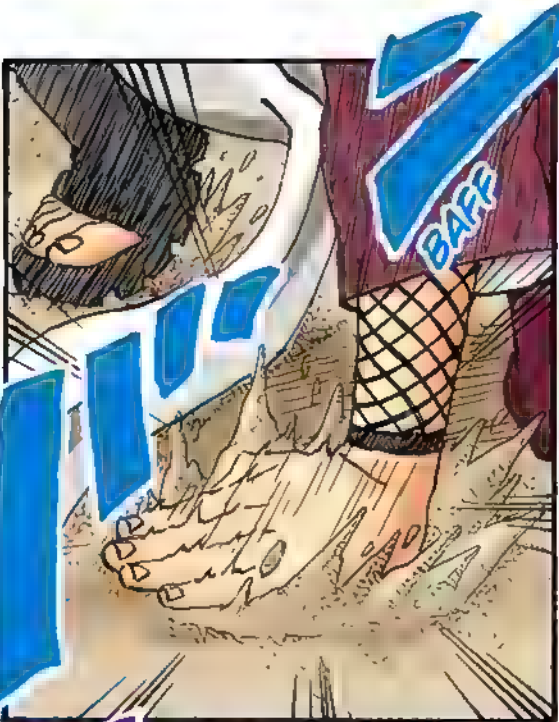


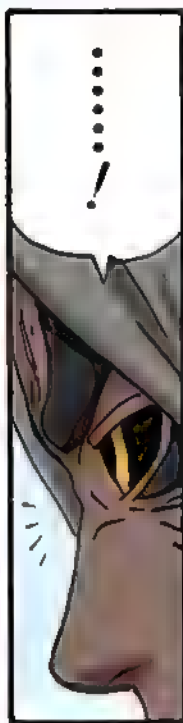
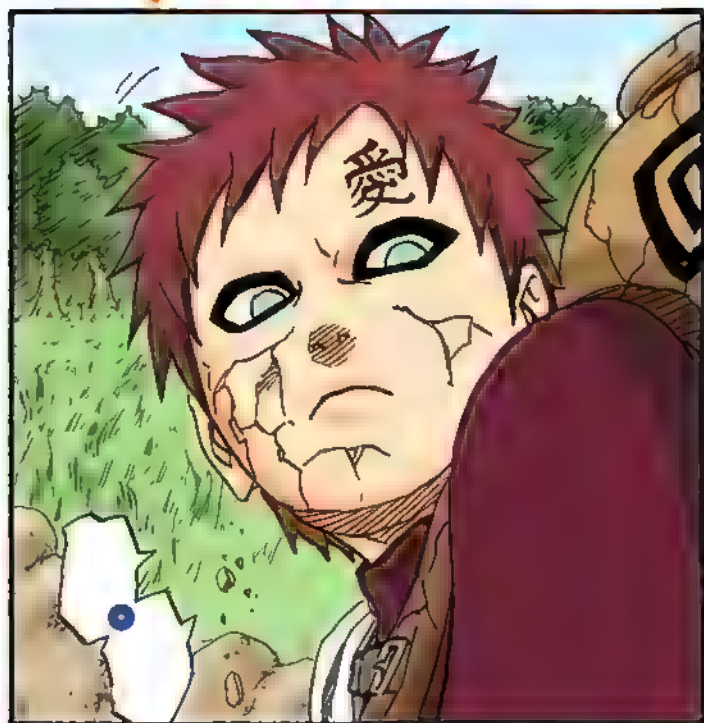
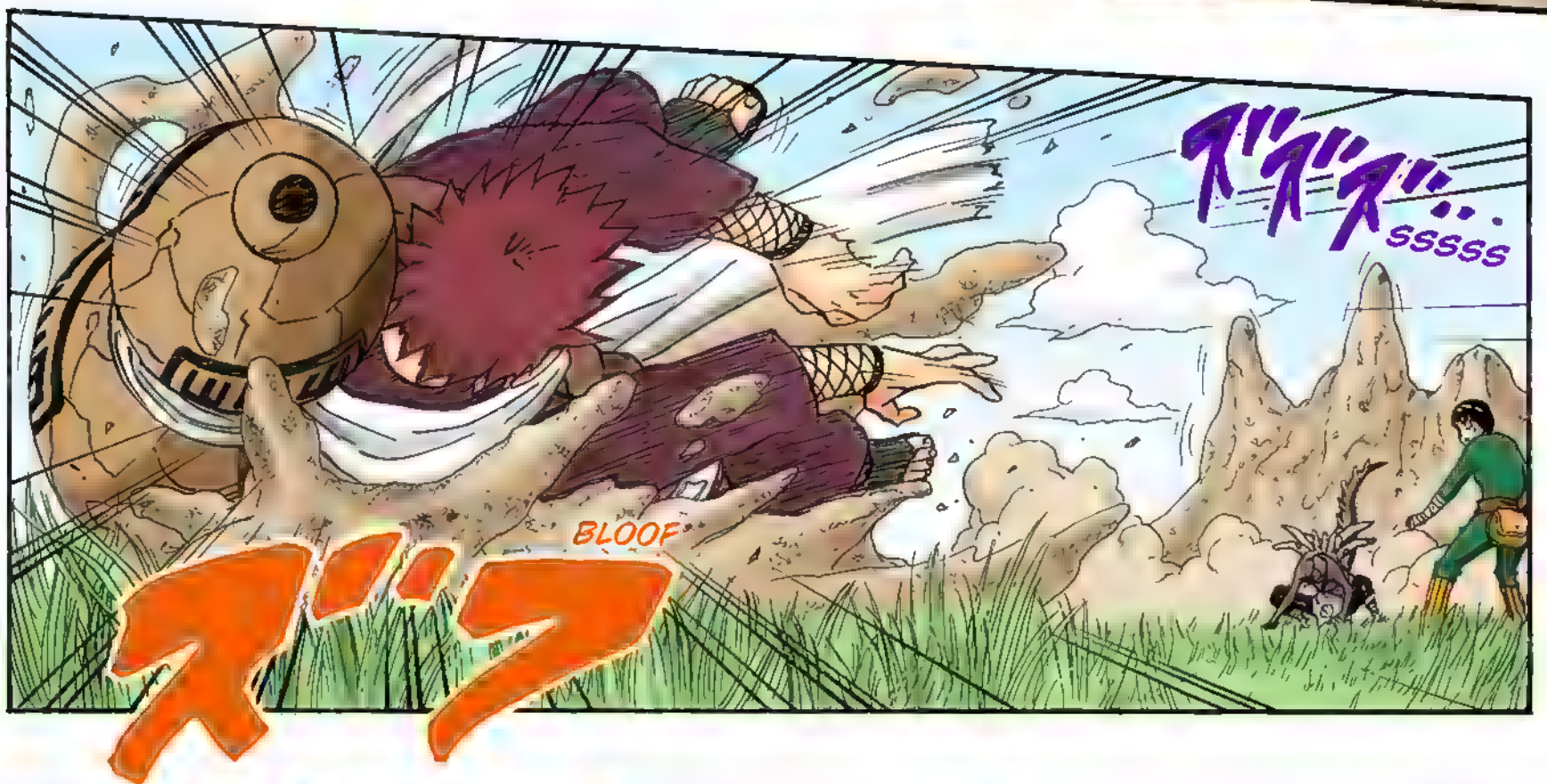


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THE
COFFIN OF
CRUSHING
SAND!

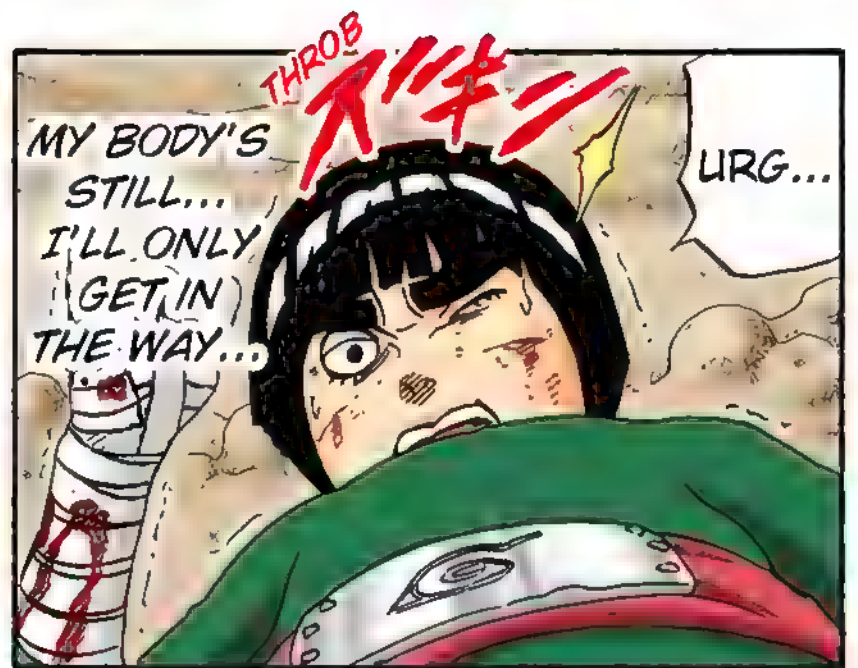
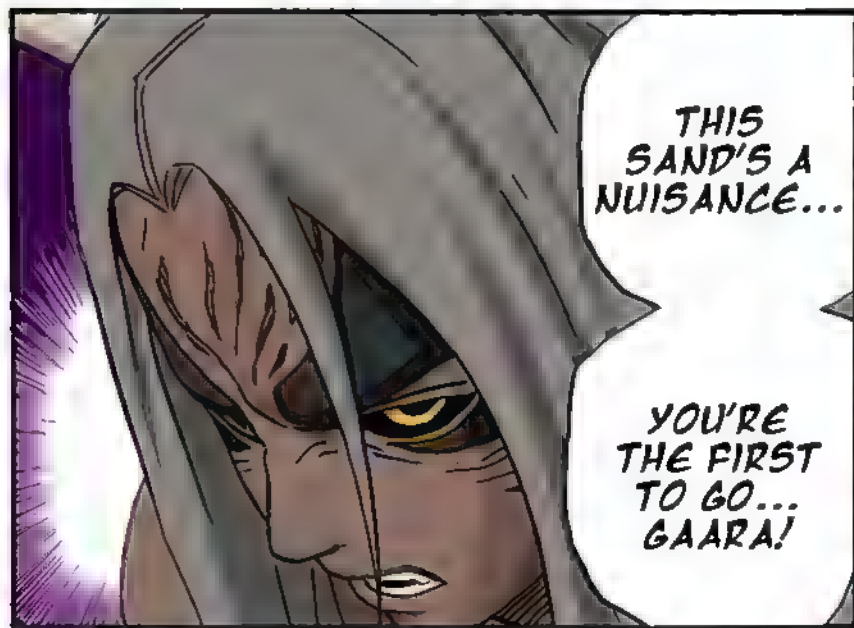
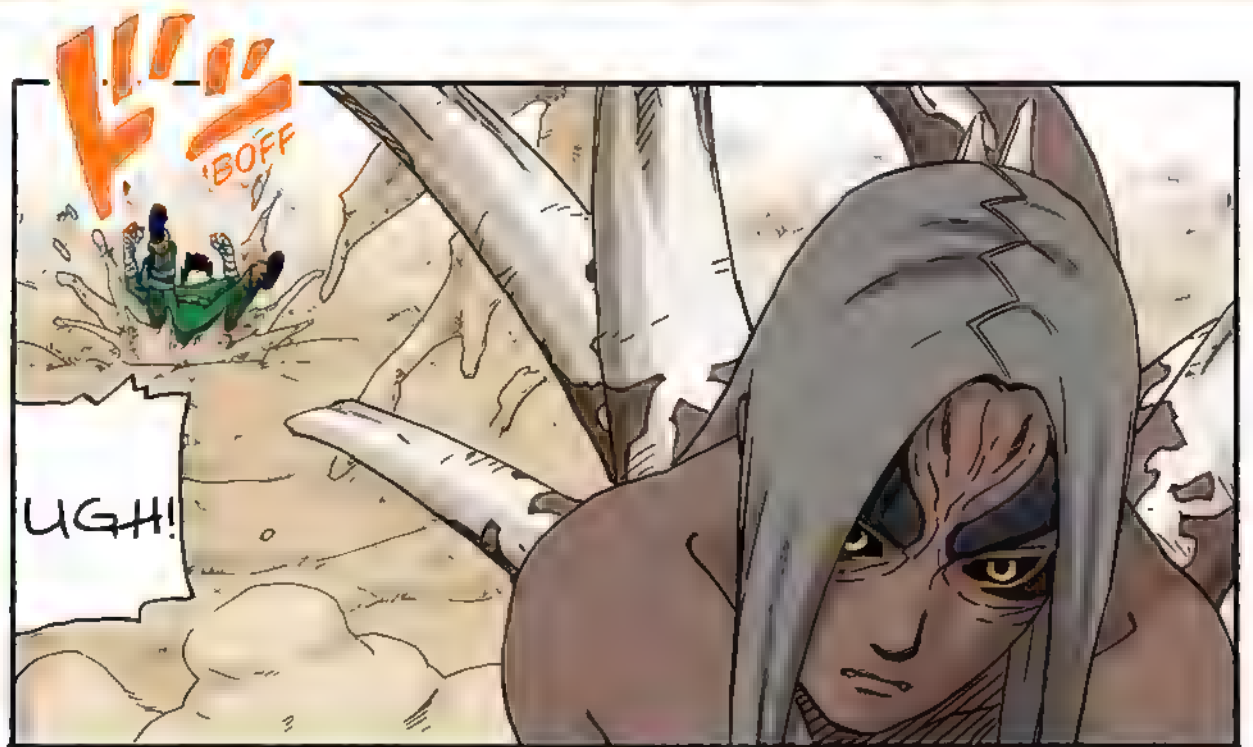
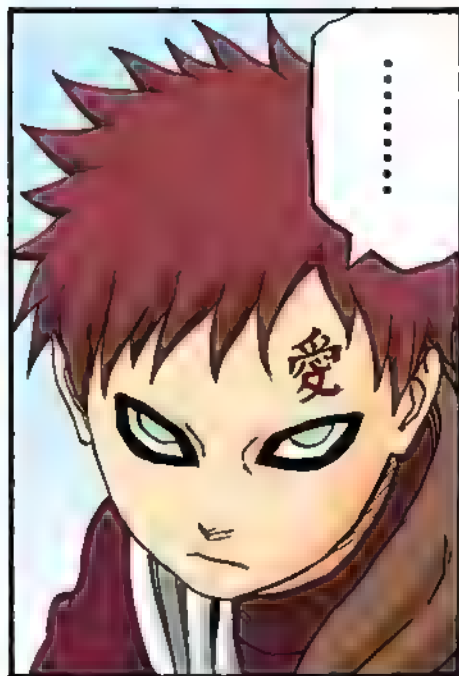


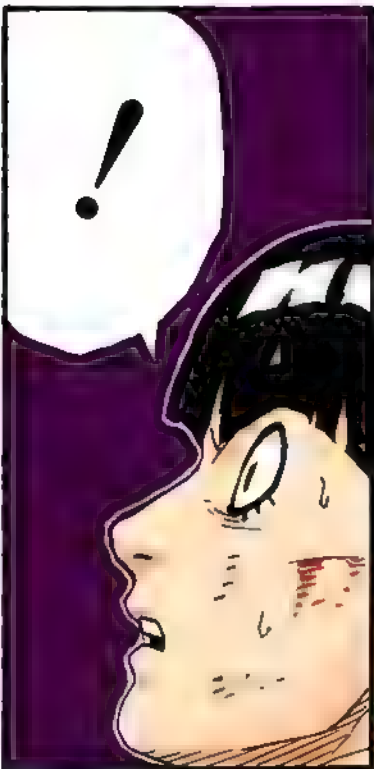
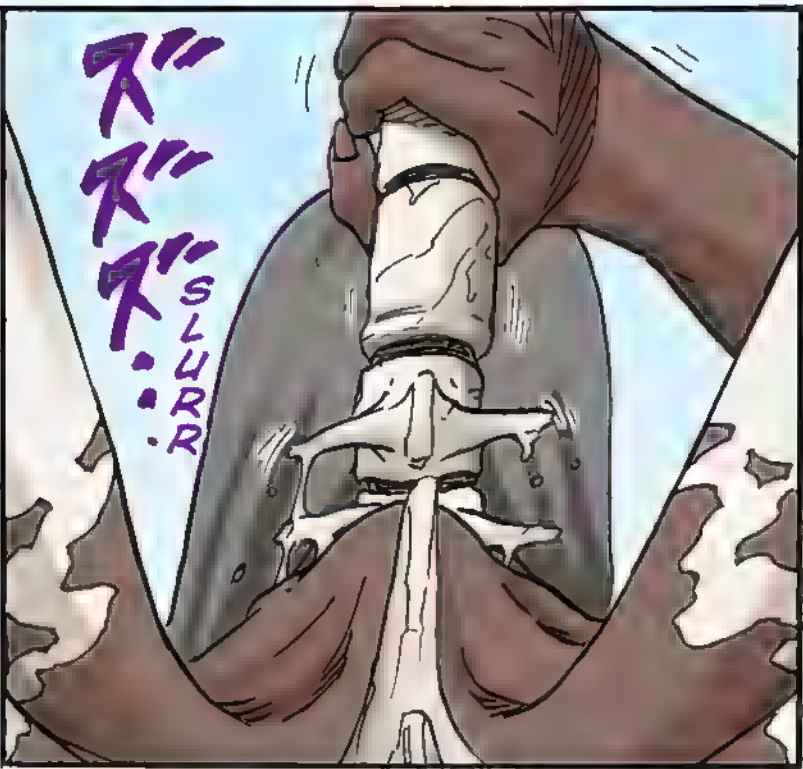
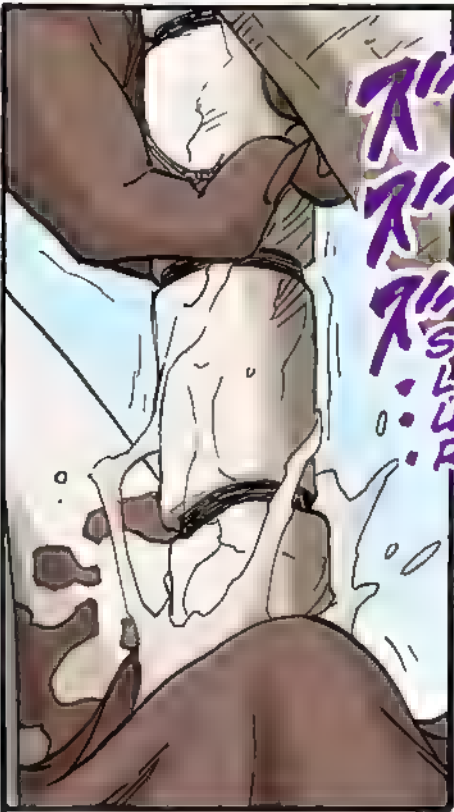
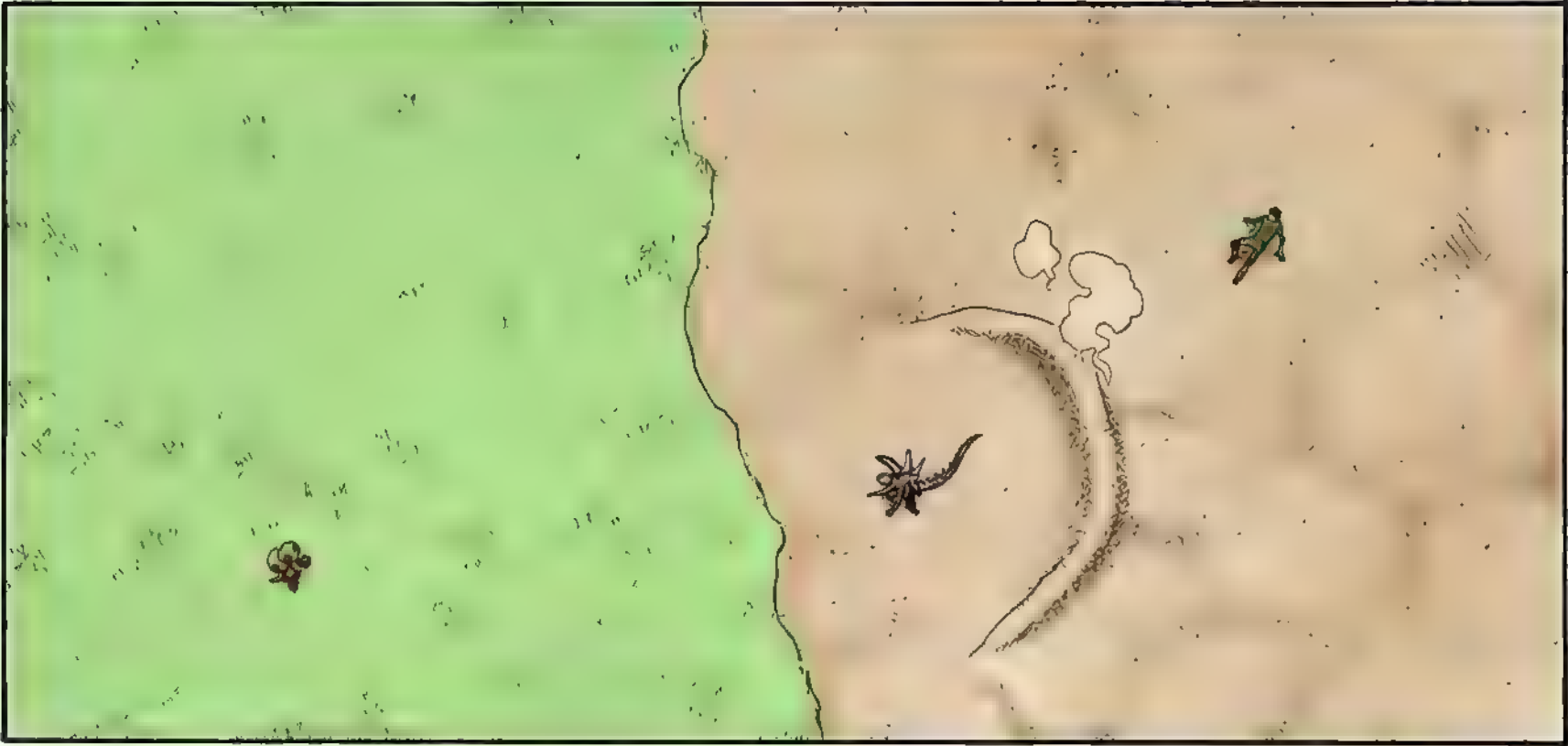


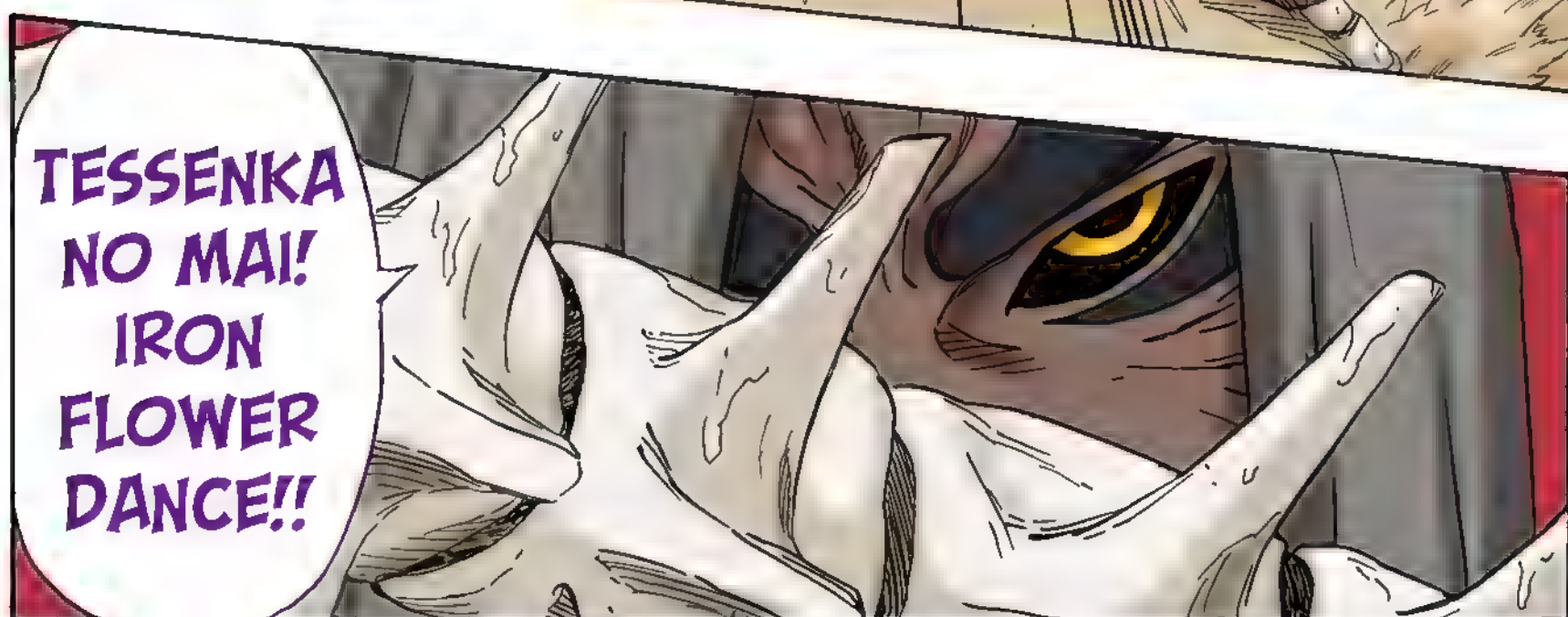
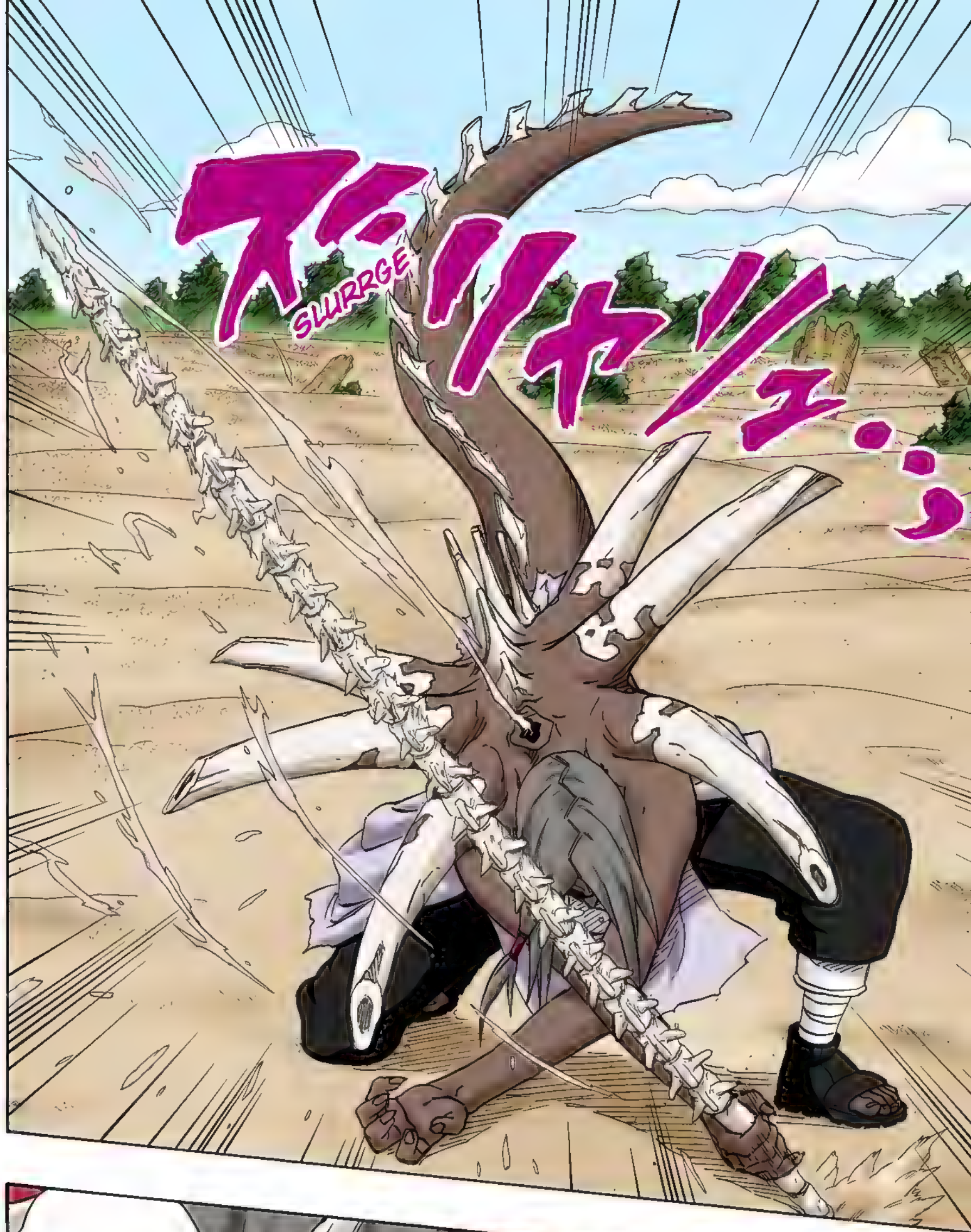


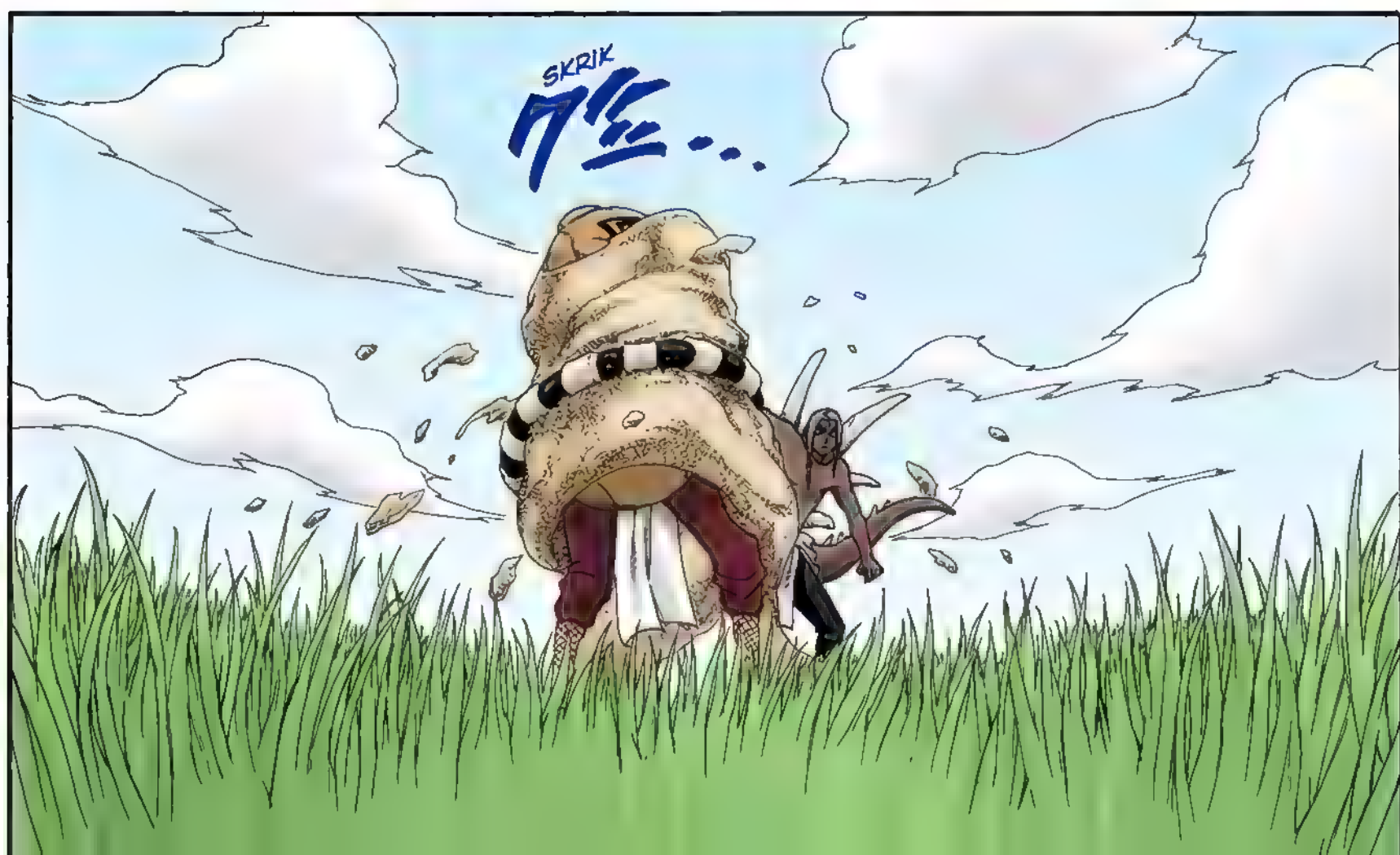
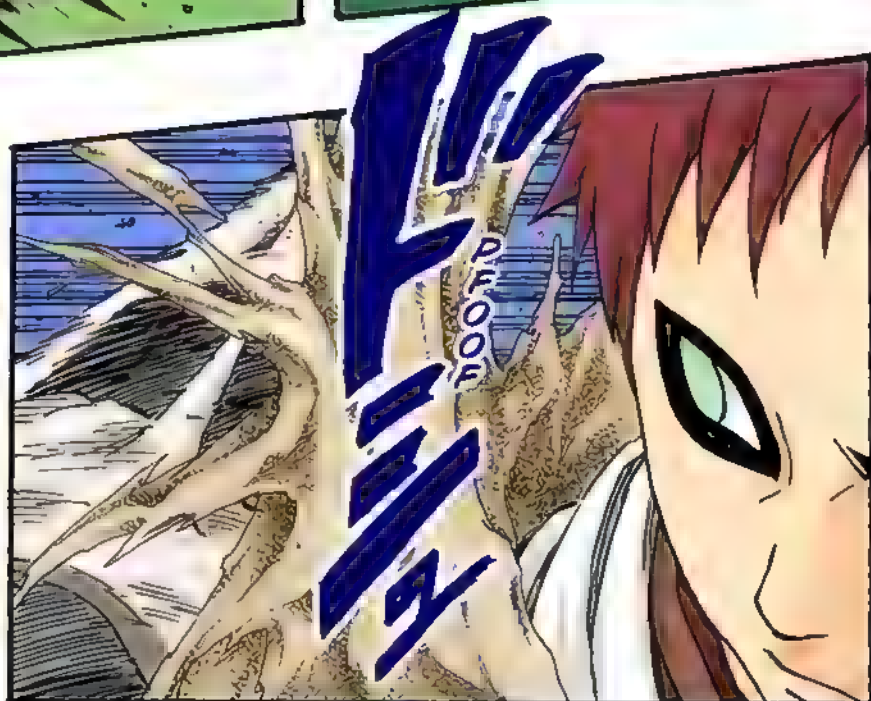
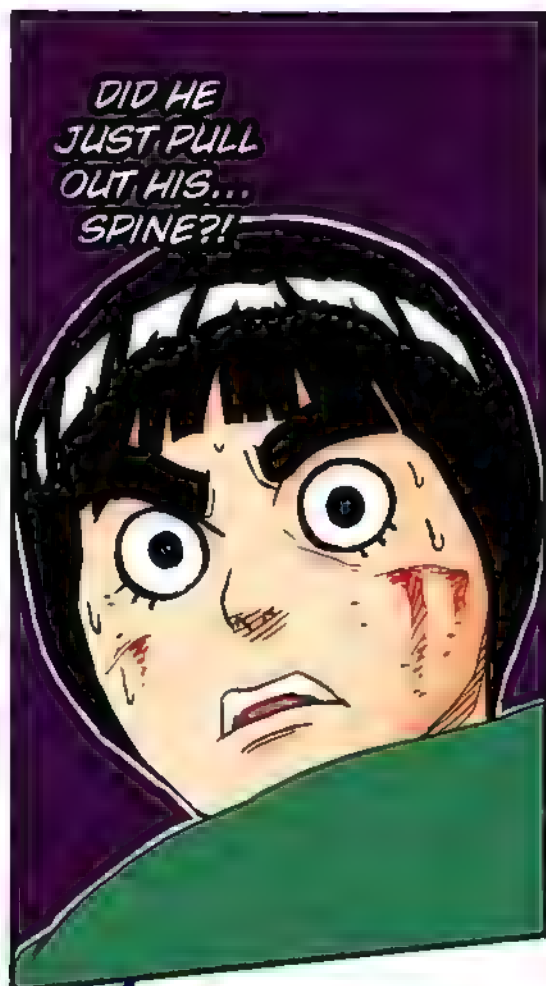
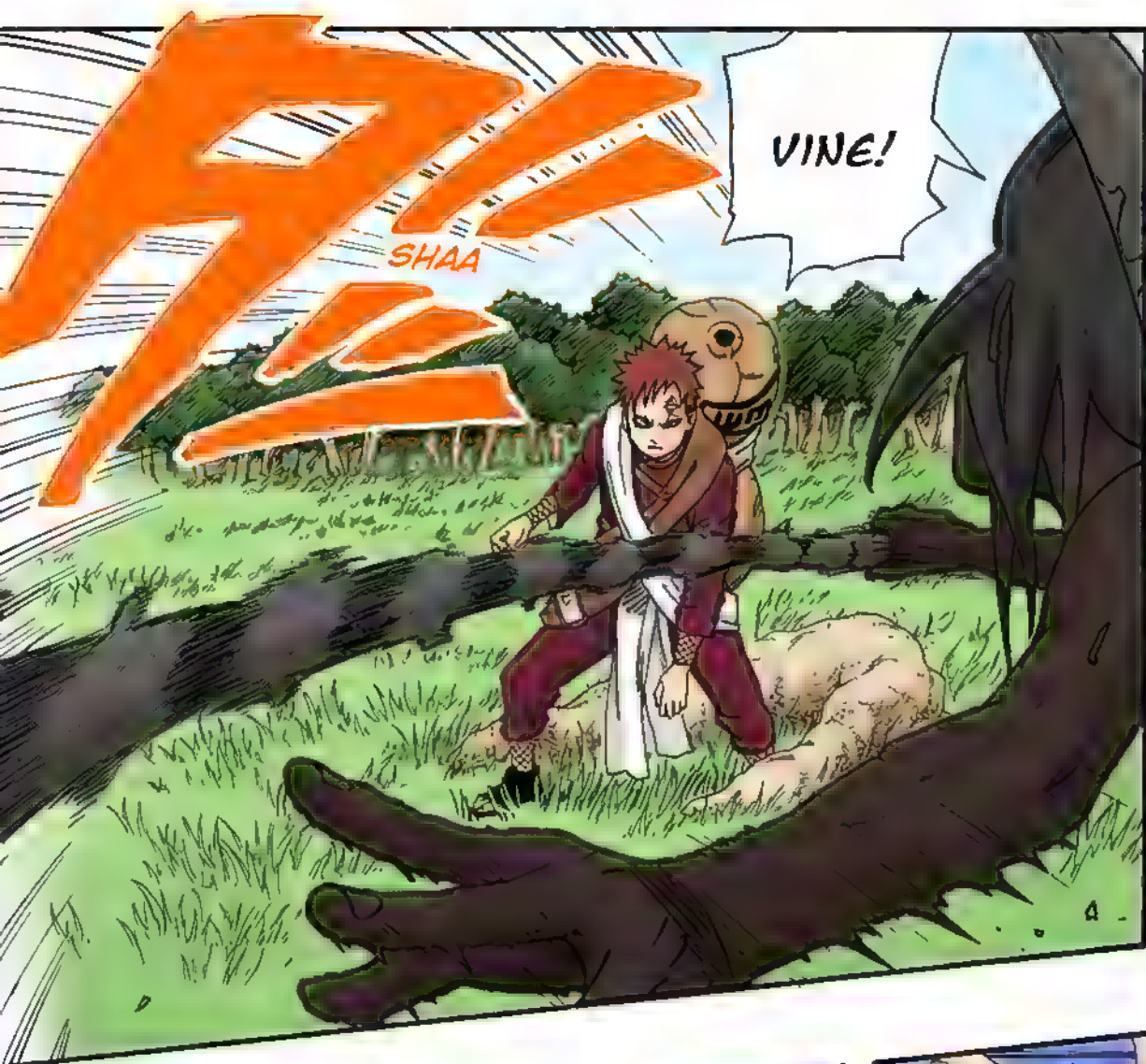


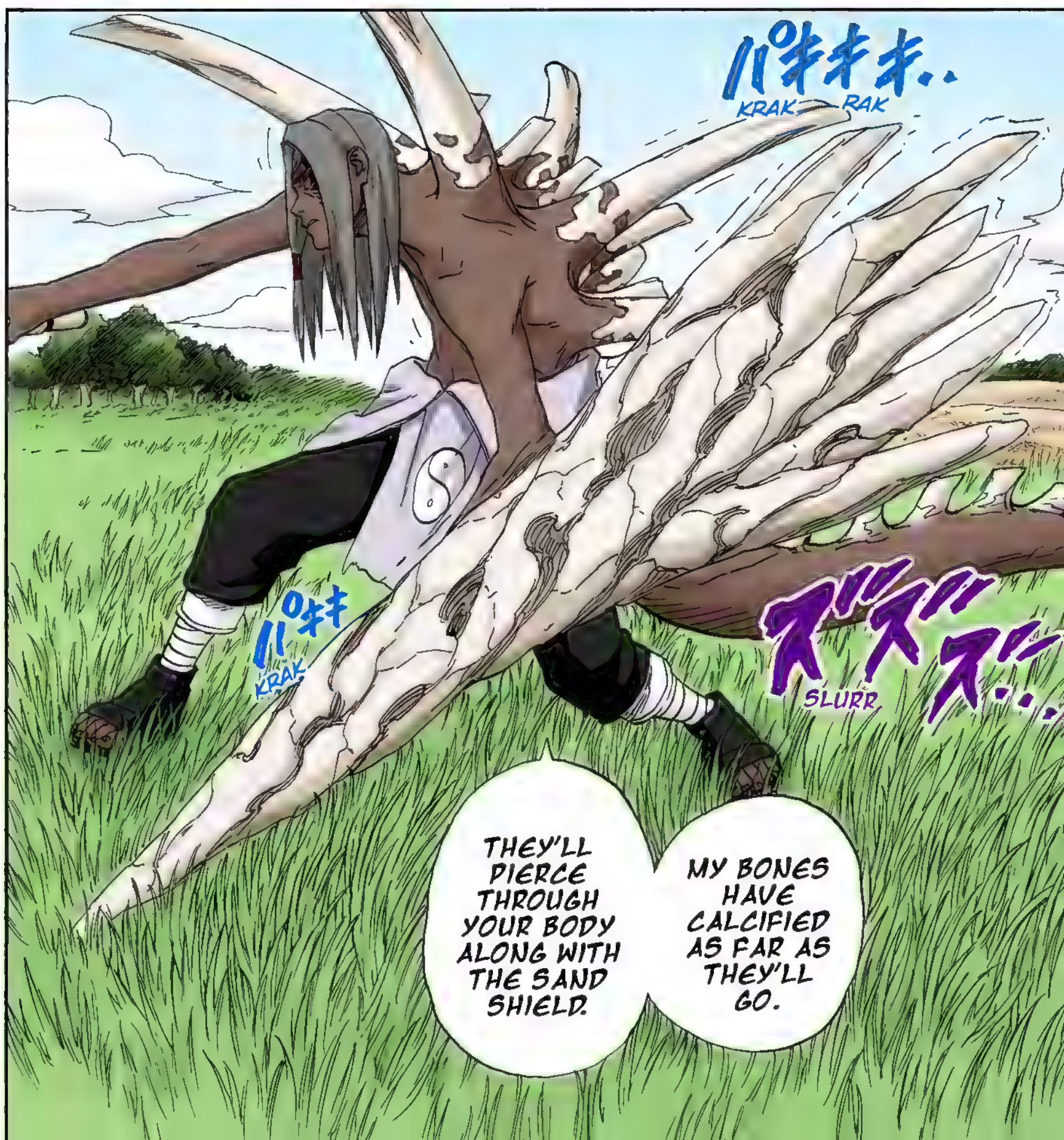
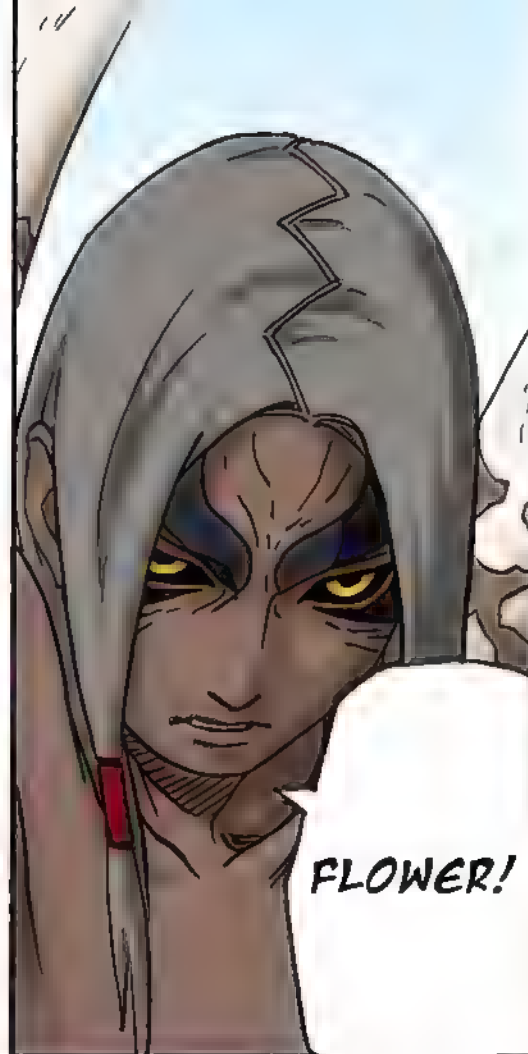






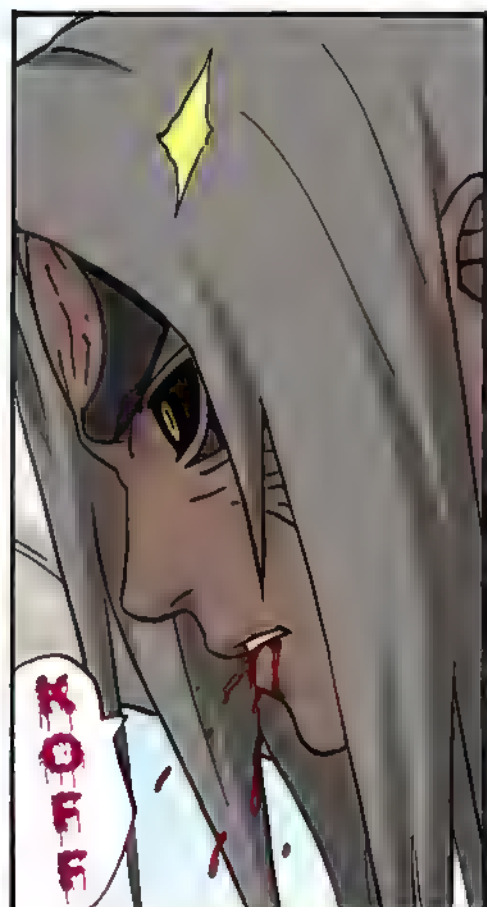
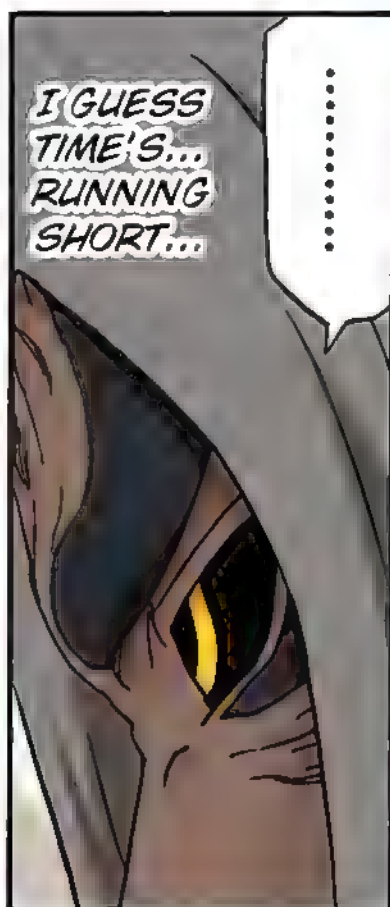


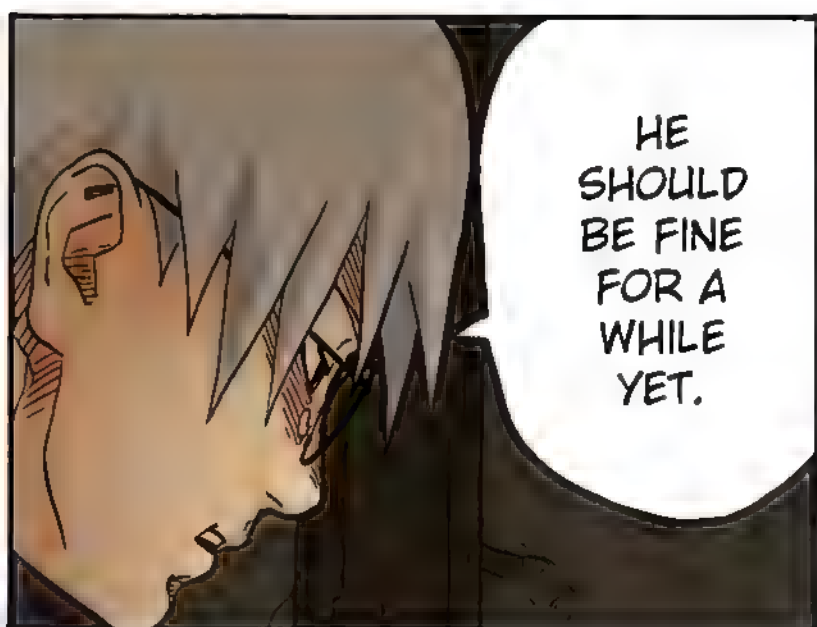
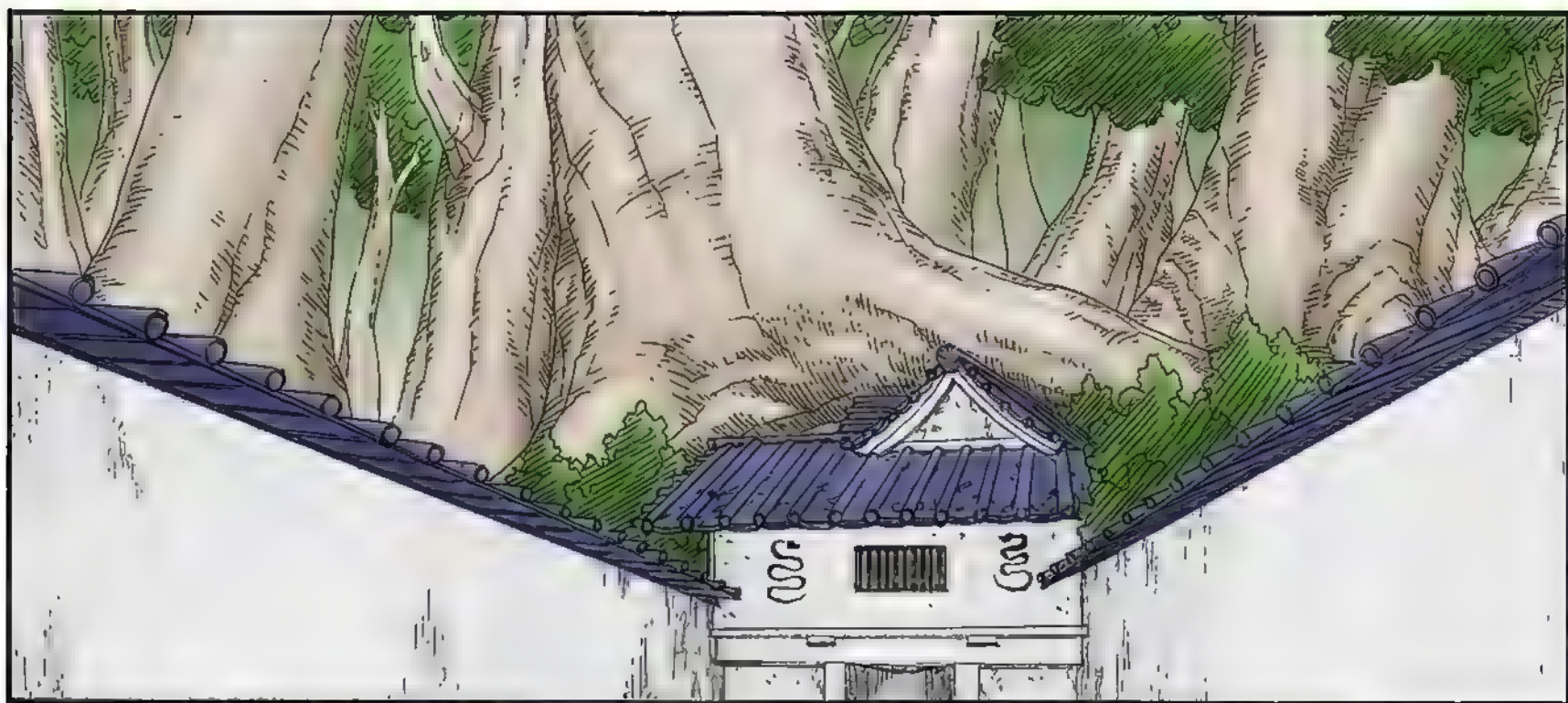




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SHIELD.

MY BONES
HAVE
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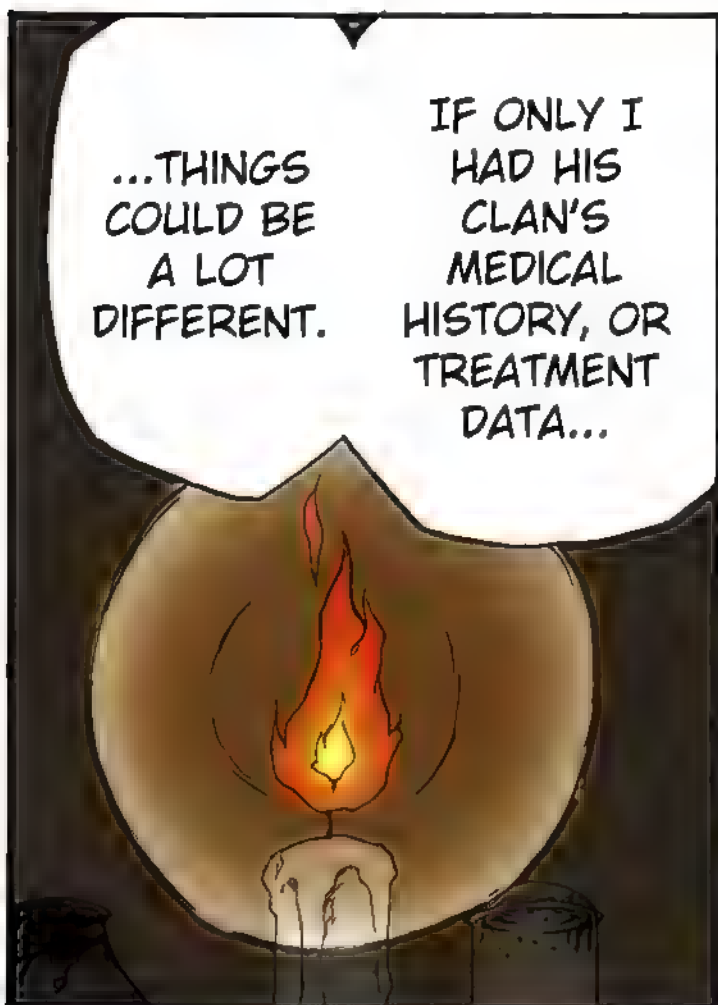


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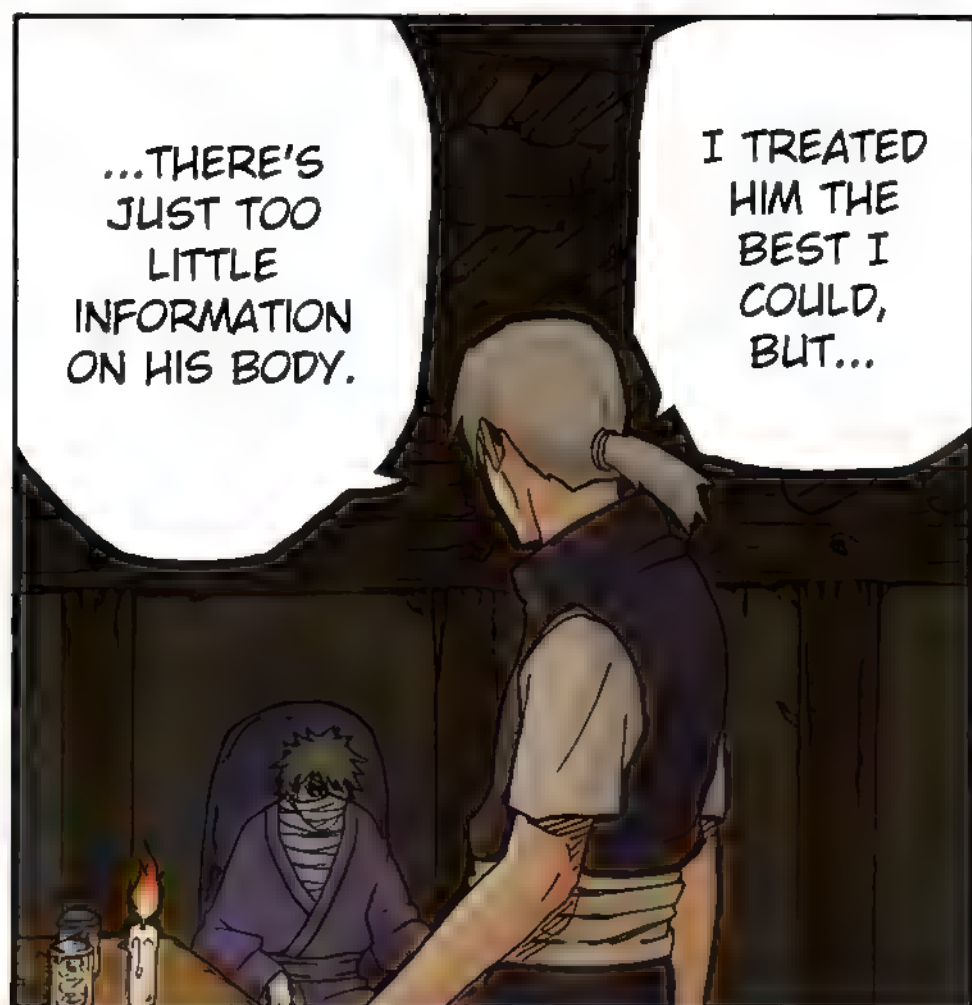
HOW MUCH
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...THINGS
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IF ONLY I
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MEDICAL
HISTORY, OR
TREATMENT
DATA...



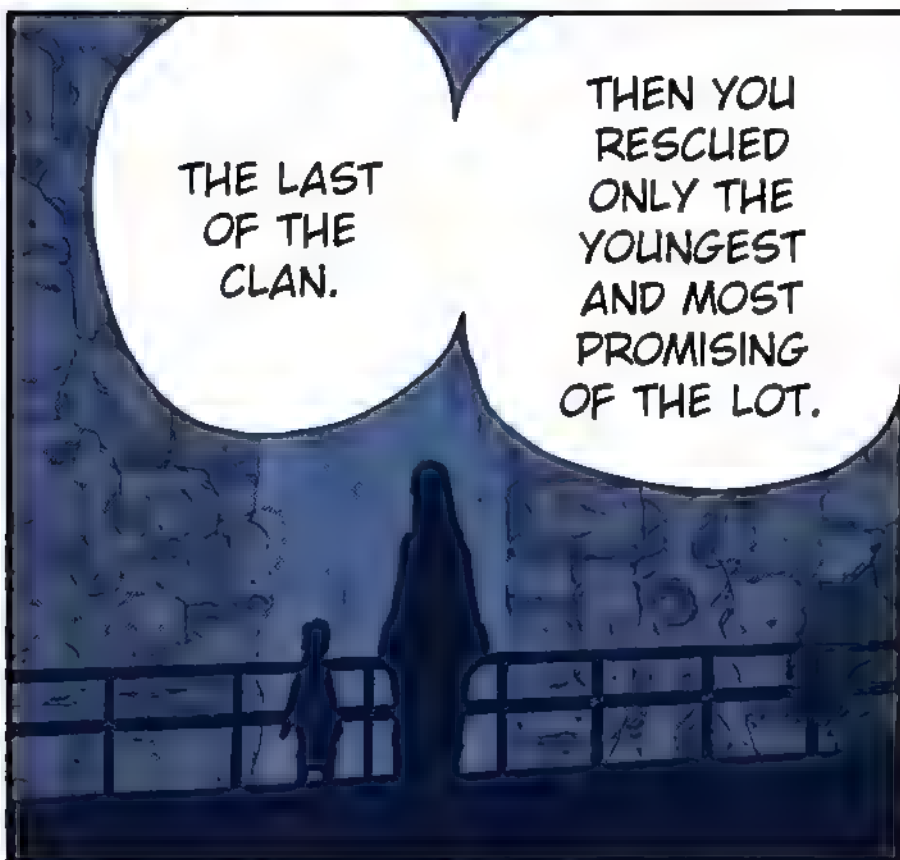
...THERE'S
JUST TOO
LITTLE
INFORMATION
ON HIS BODY.

I TREATED
HIM THE
BEST I
COULD,
BUT...



IT'S JUST
THE LAST
STOP IN A
BLOODY
HISTORY.

THE ONLY
THING I COULD
DIG UP WAS AN
ACCOUNT OF
HOW HE FOUND
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LAST OF THE
KAGUYA CLAN.

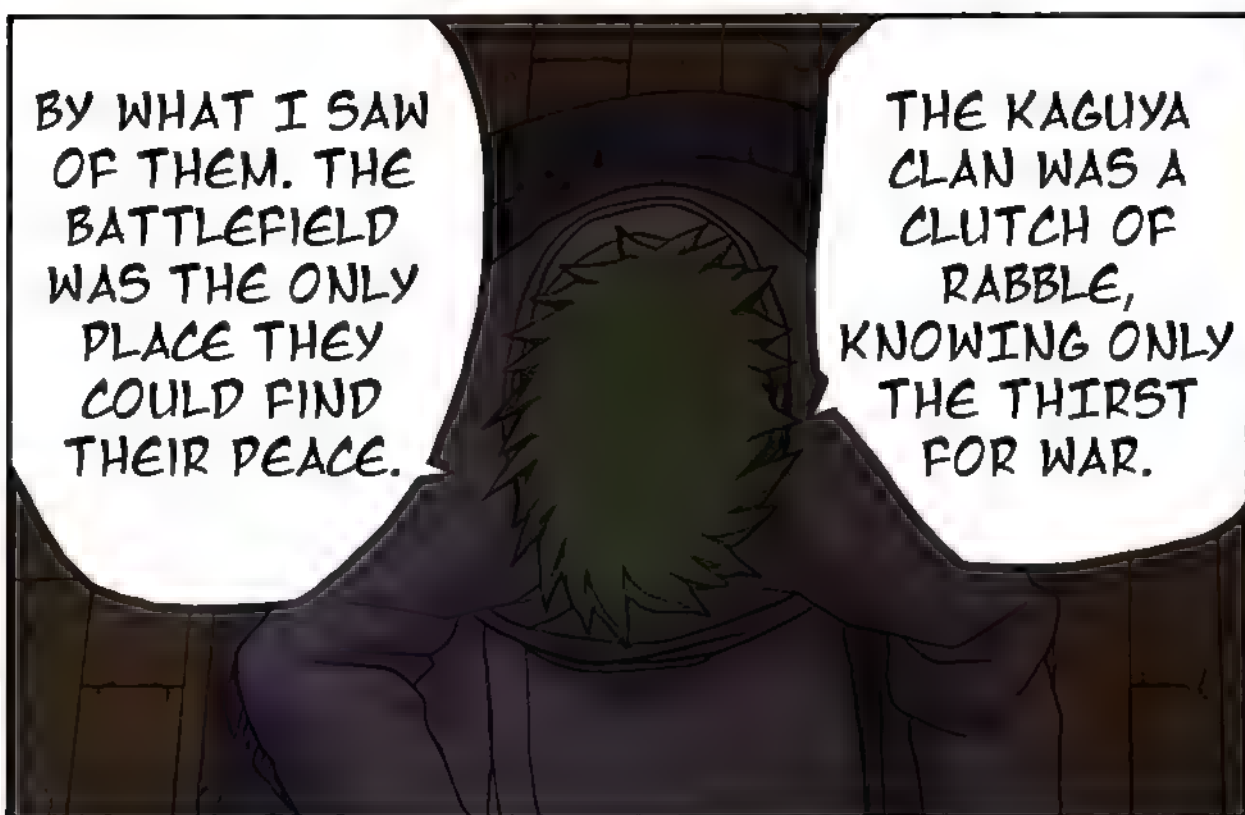


THE LAST
OF THE
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THEN YOU
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ONLY THE
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AND MOST
PROMISING
OF THE LOT.

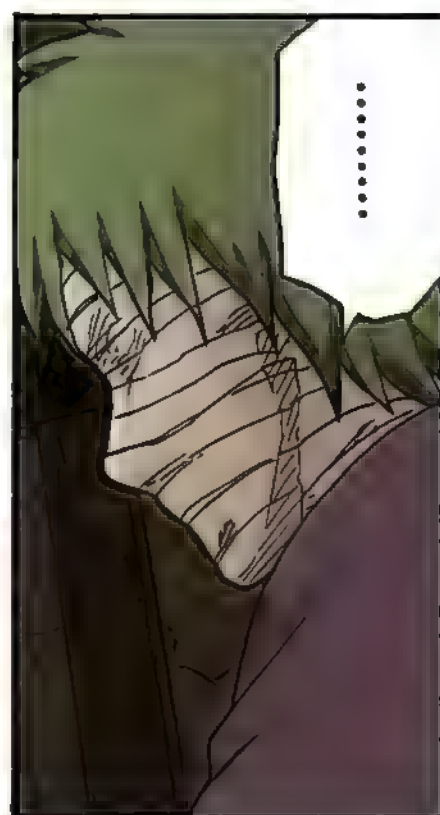
THE WHOLE
FOOLISH CLAN
WAS WIPED
OUT WHEN IT
CHALLENGED...

...THE GREAT
NATION OF
KIRIGAKURE,
ON THEIR
OWN.



BY WHAT I SAW
OF THEM. THE
BATTLEFIELD
WAS THE ONLY
PLACE THEY
COULD FIND
THEIR PEACE.

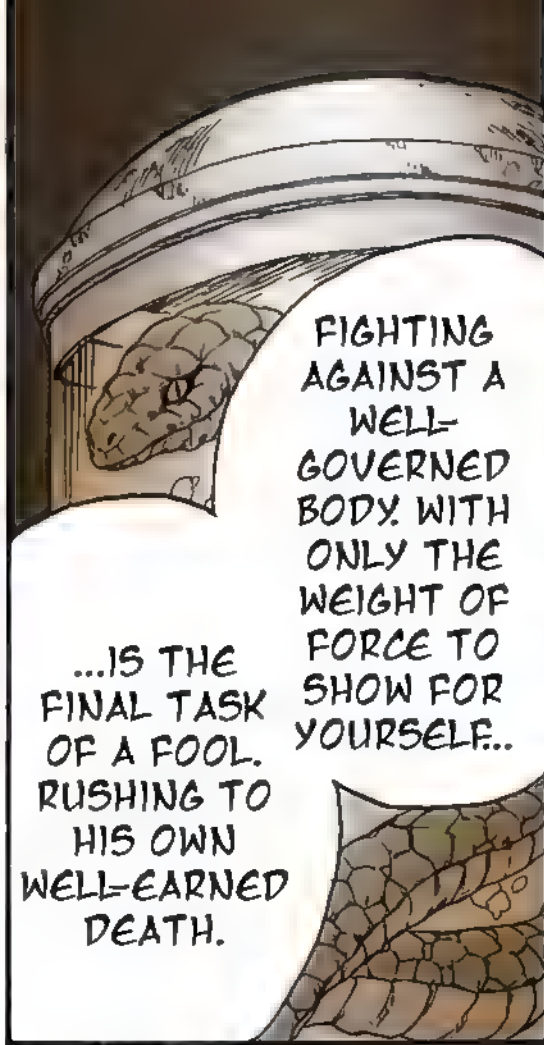
THE KAGUYA
CLAN WAS A
CLUTCH OF
RABBLE,
KNOWING ONLY
THE THIRST
FOR WAR.





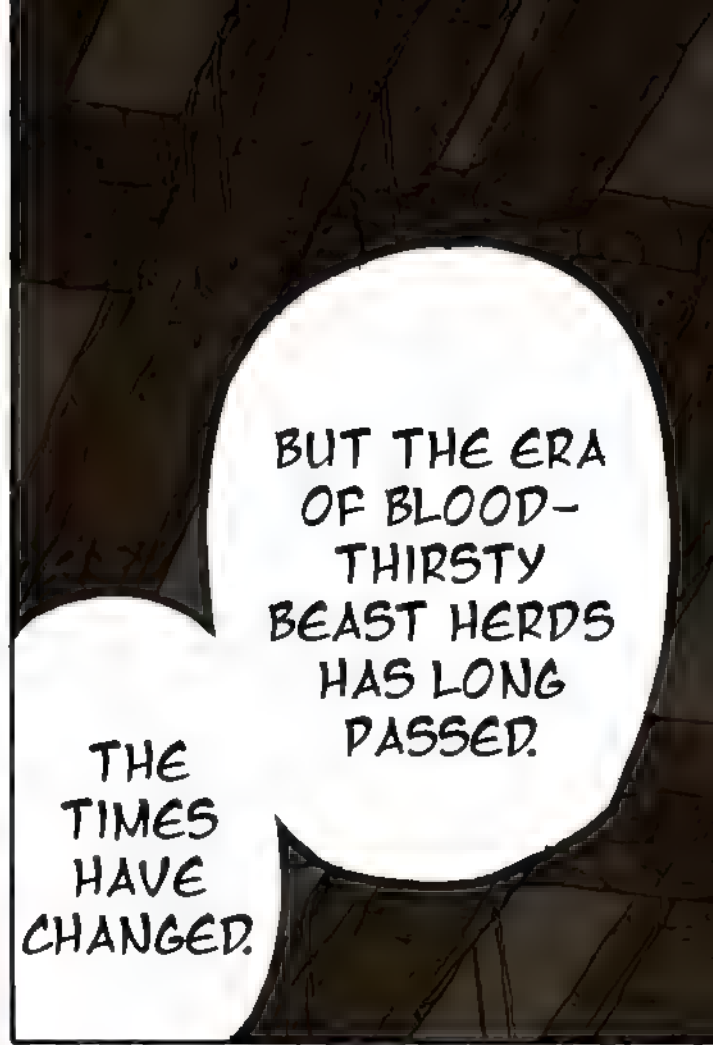
...YOU
THOUGHT
IT A WASTE
TO LET
HIM DIE.

AND
YET...



...IS THE
FINAL TASK
OF A FOOL.
RUSHING TO
HIS OWN
WELL-EARNED
DEATH.

FIGHTING
AGAINST A
WELL-
GOVERNED
BODY. WITH
ONLY THE
WEIGHT OF
FORCE TO
SHOW FOR
YOURSELF..



BUT THE ERA
OF BLOOD-
THIRSTY
BEAST HERDS
HAS LONG
PASSED.

THE
TIMES
HAVE
CHANGED.



THOSE
STRONG.
FIRM
BONES...

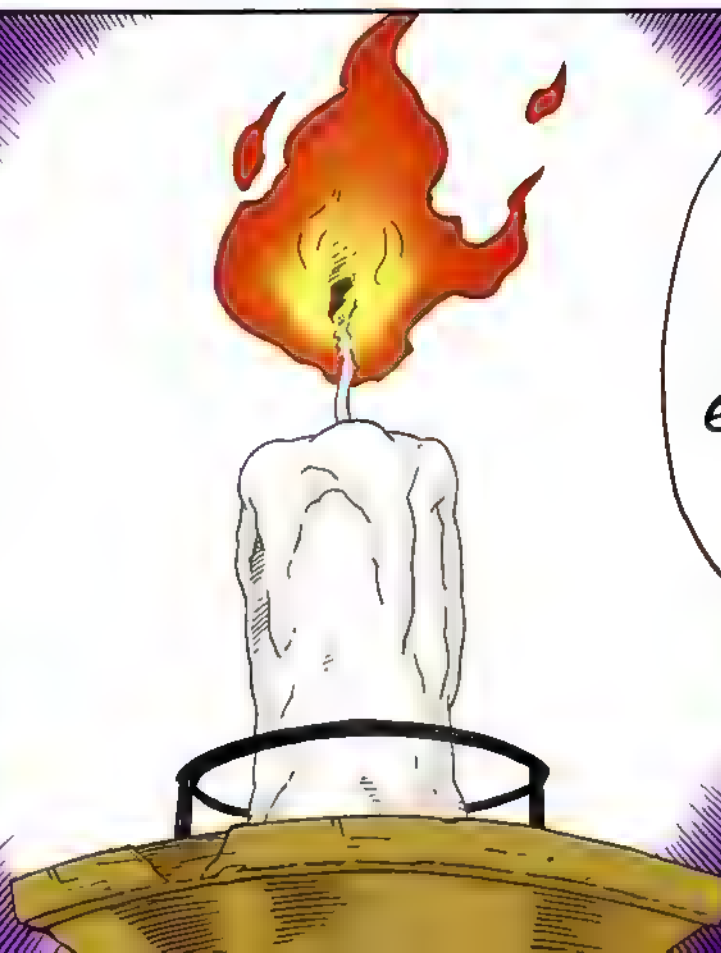
A DEFENSIVE
SKILL TO FEND
PHYSICAL
BLOWS OF
ANY FORM...

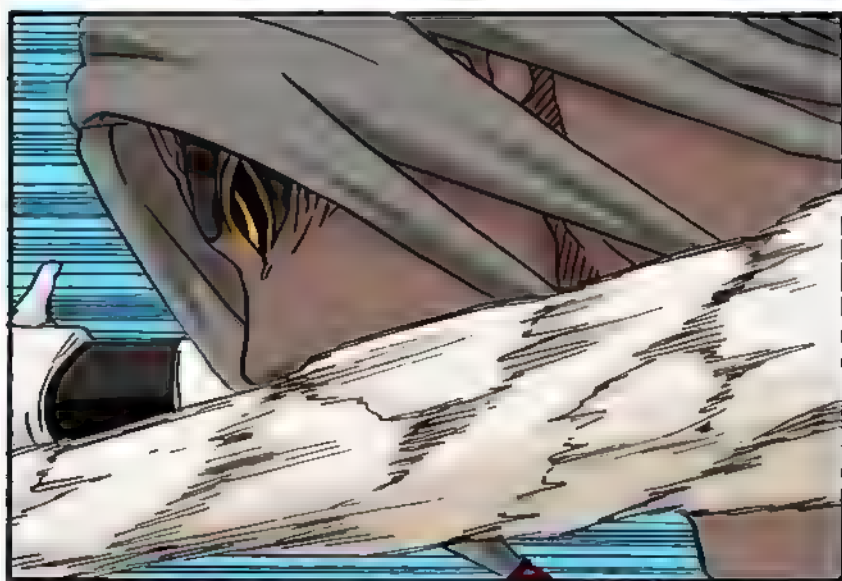
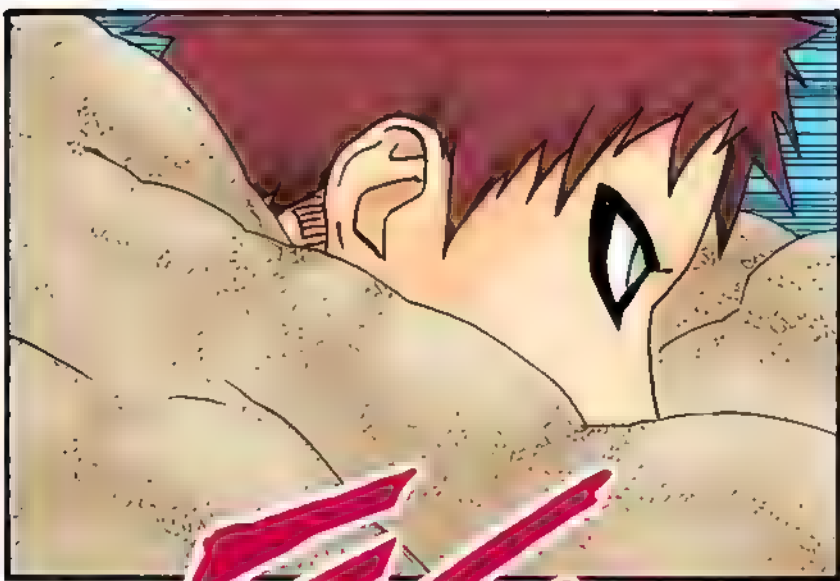
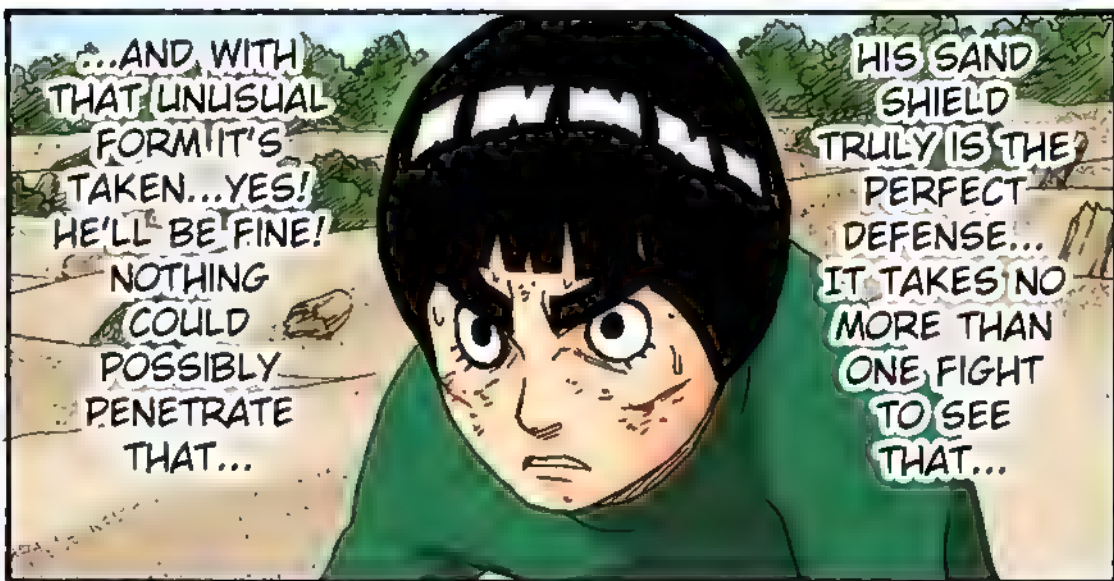
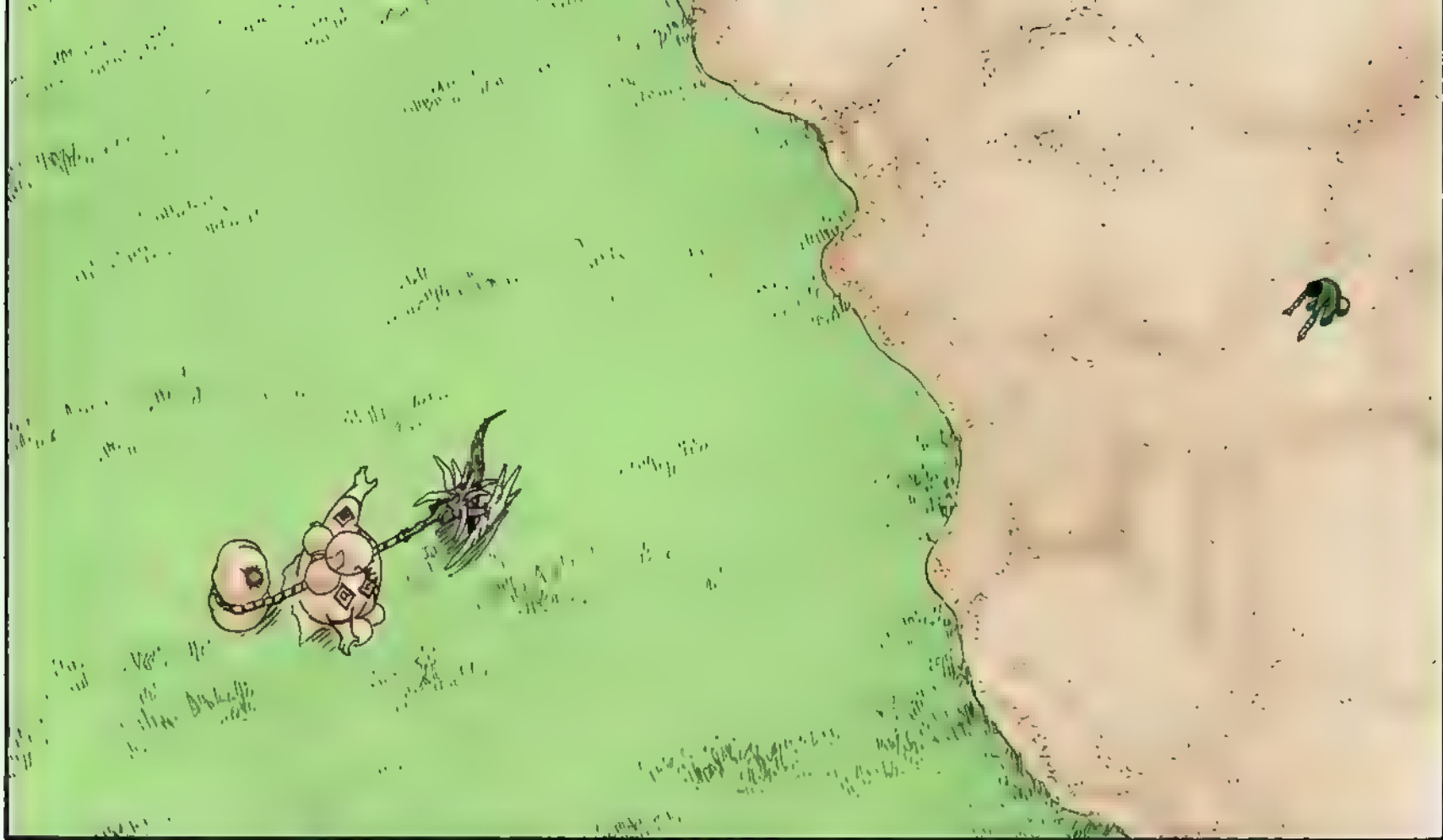
HMPH...
WHO COULD
RESIST HIS
RARE KEKKEI
GENKAI?

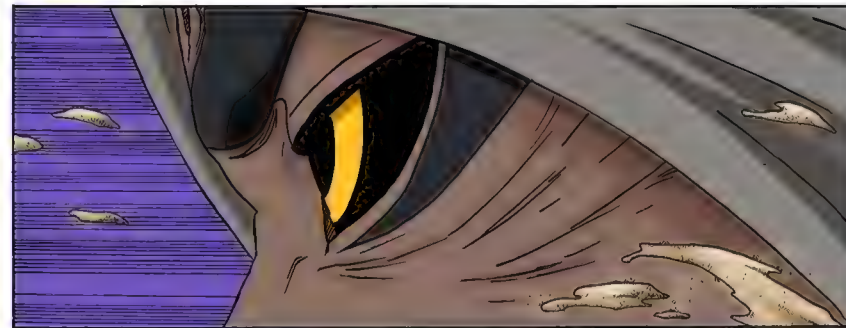


HIS
OFFENSE IS
EXCELLENT...

...HE CAN
TURN HIS
BONES INTO
PIKES.







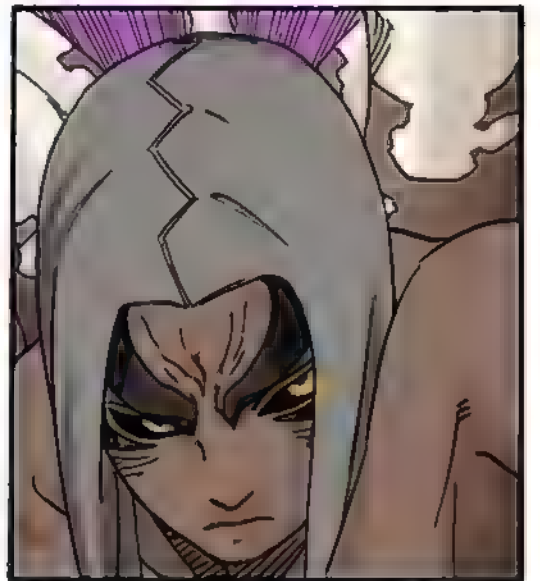
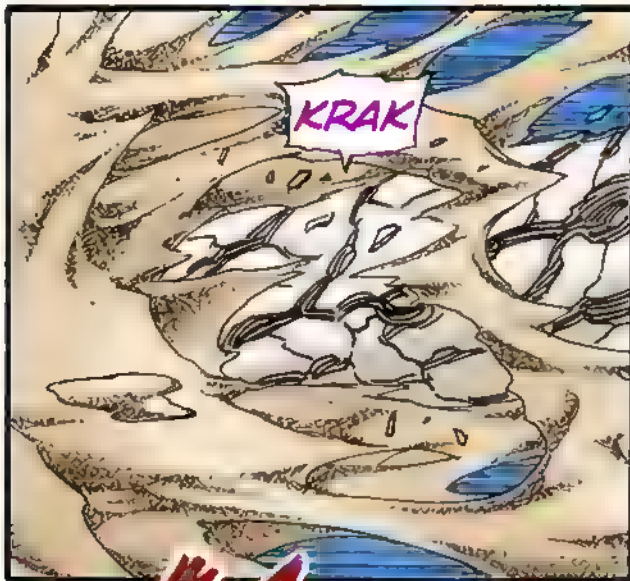
217: FOR THE MOST PRECIOUS

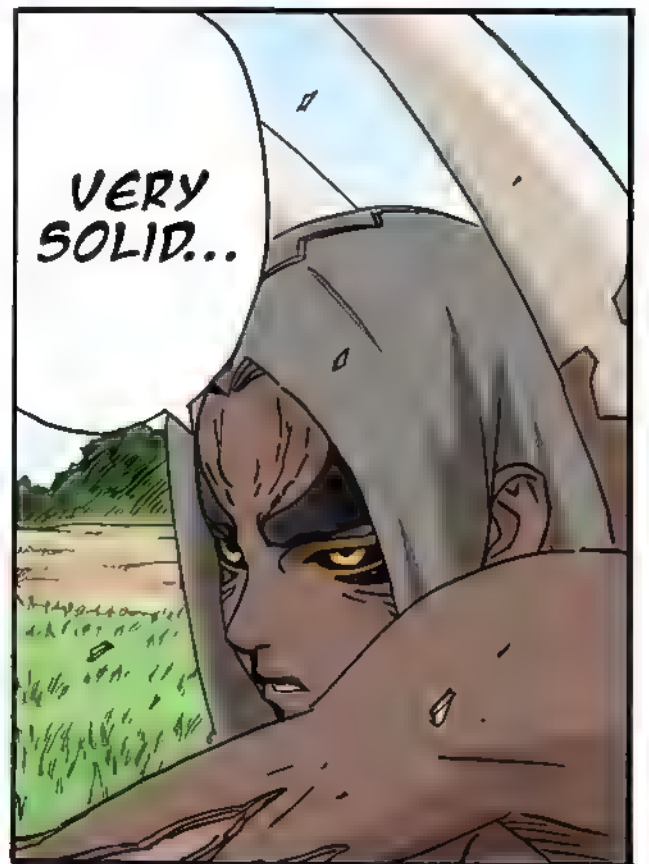
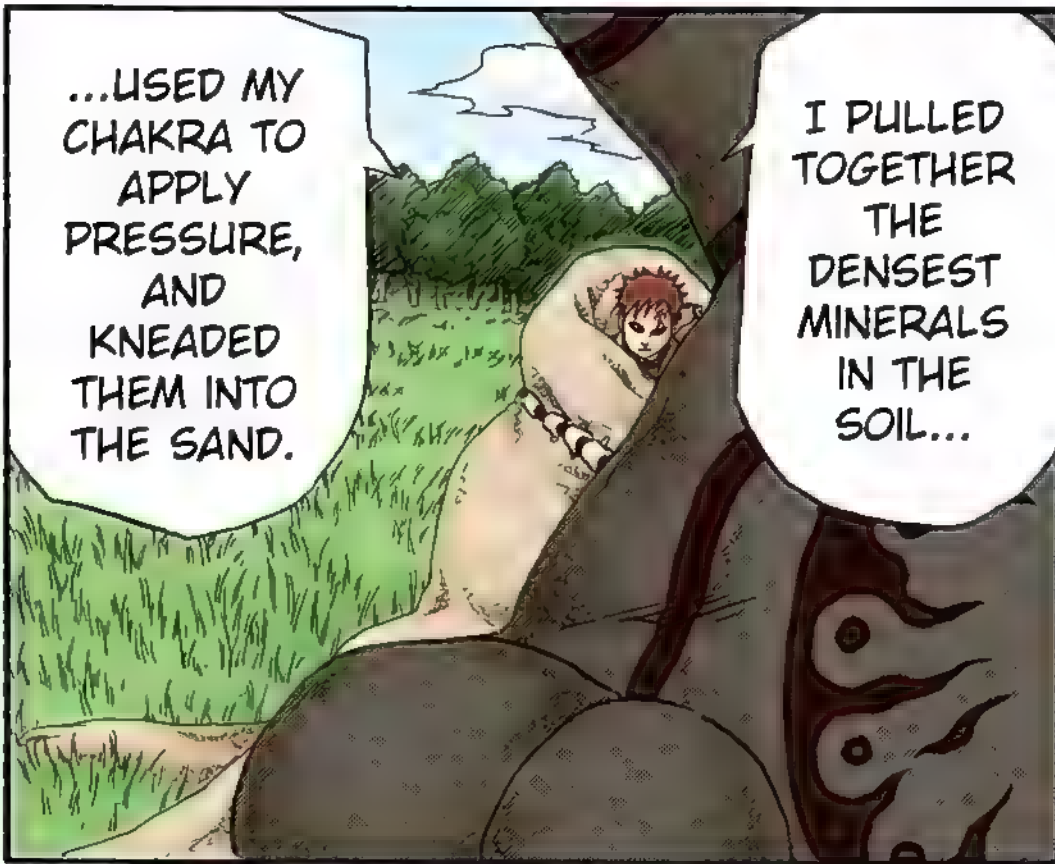
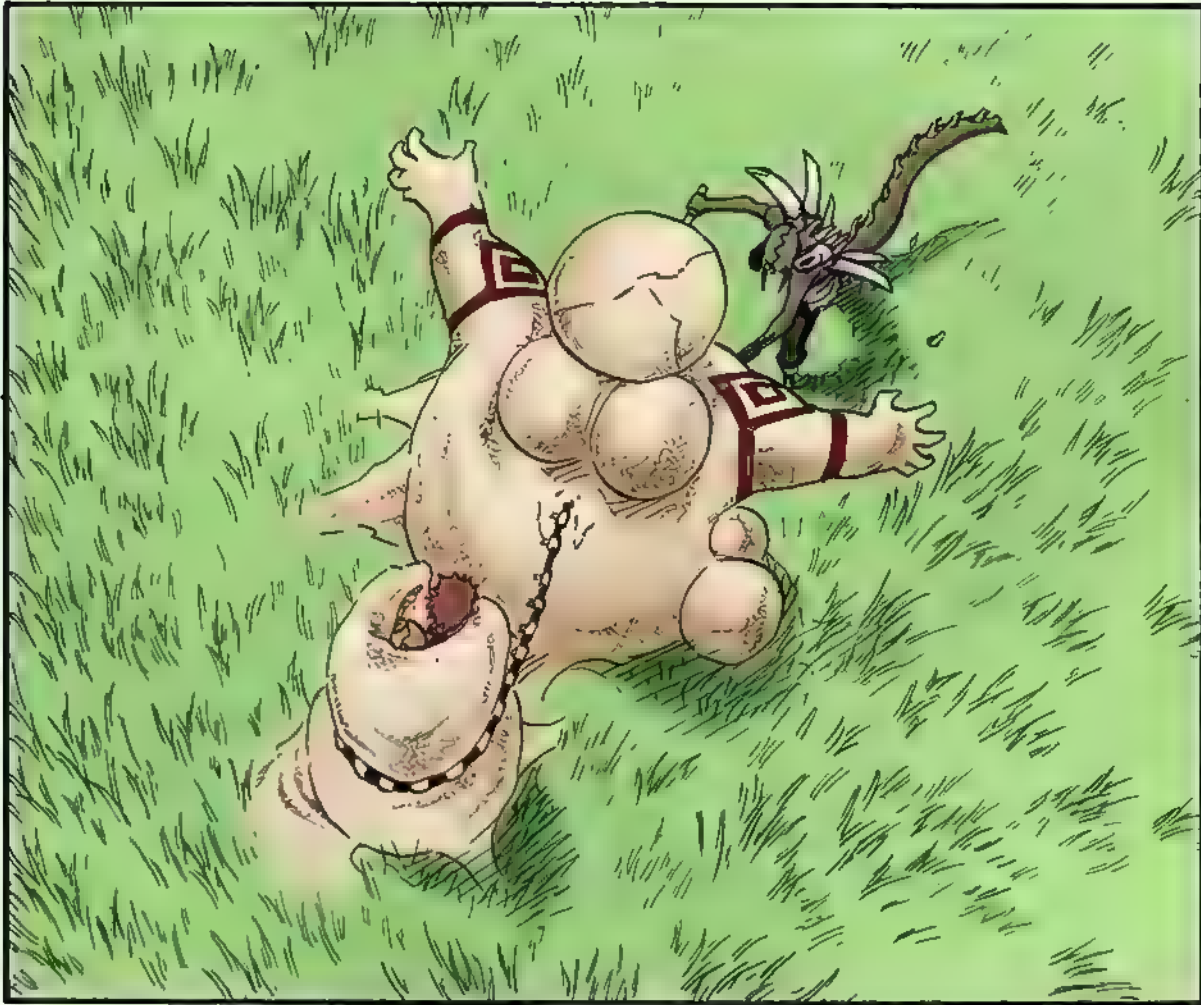
ナンバー

217:

たい せつ もの ため
大切な者の為に



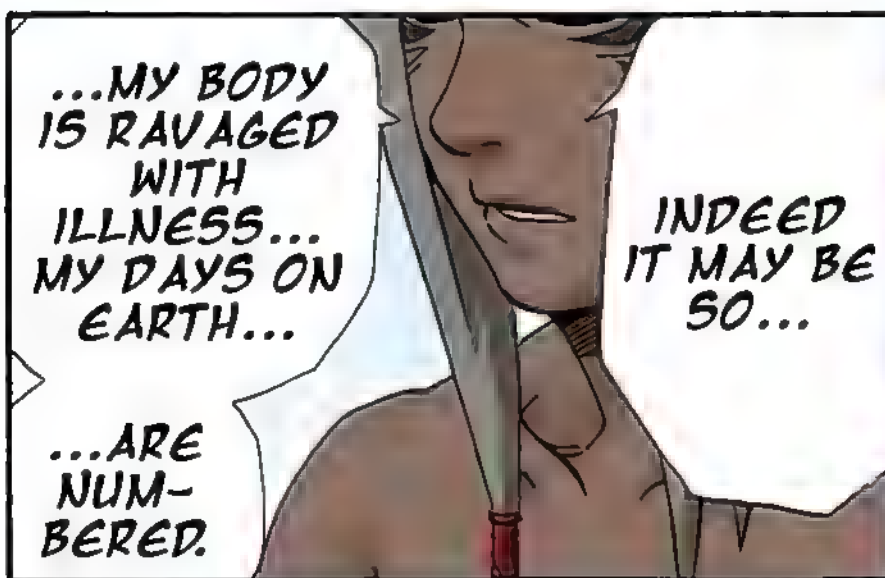






...A POWER
I ALONE
POSSESS.

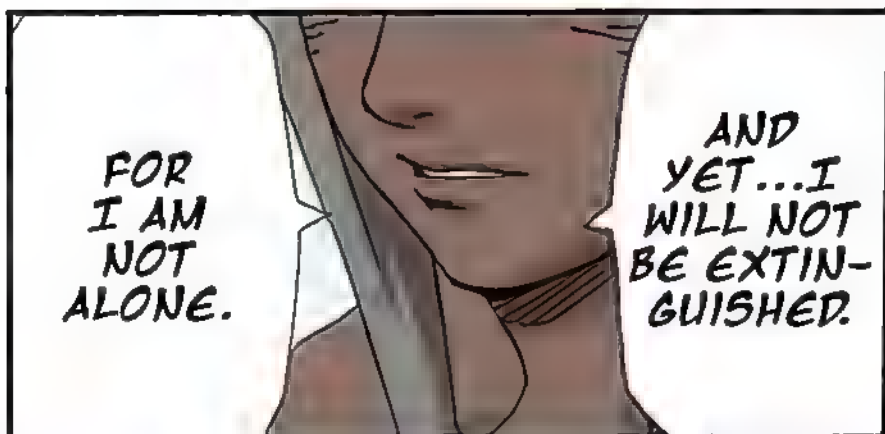
IT IS
OF THE
KAGUYA
CLAN...



...MY BODY
IS RAVAGED
WITH
ILLNESS...
MY DAYS ON
EARTH...

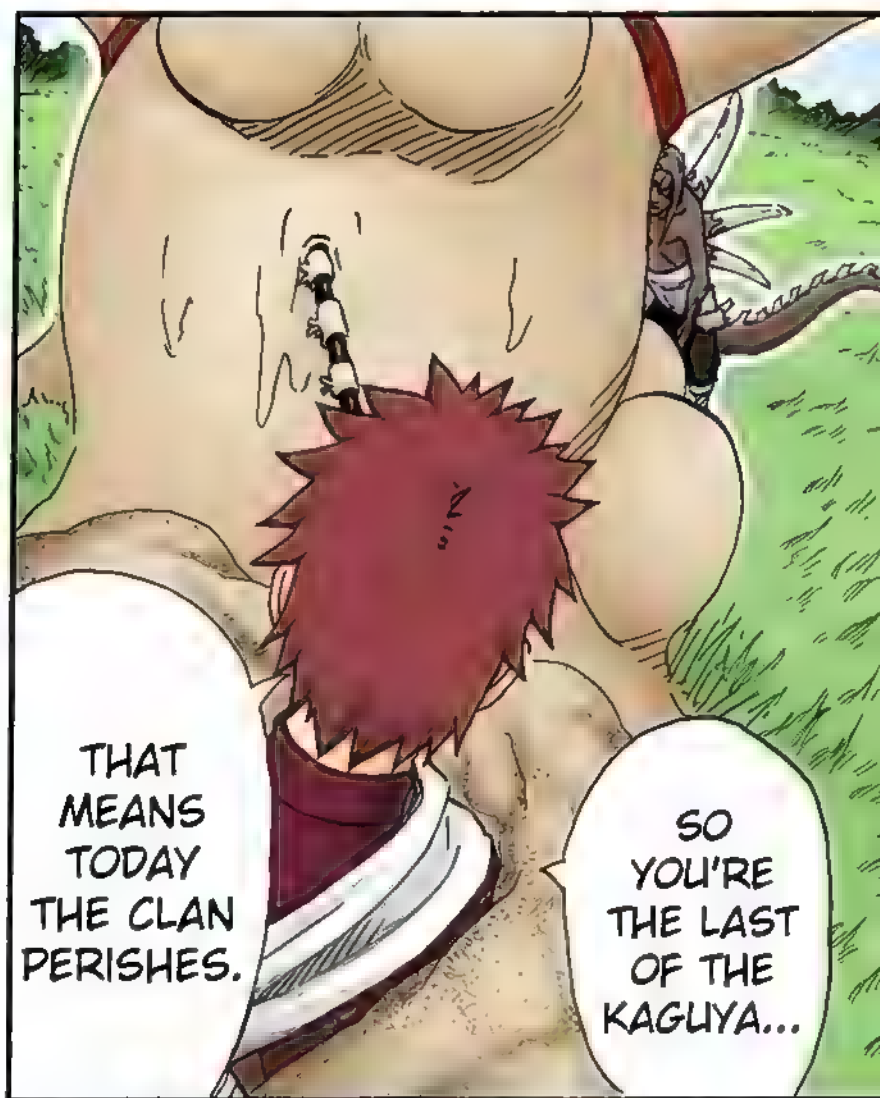
...ARE
NUM-
BERED.

INDEED
IT MAY BE
SO...



FOR
I AM
NOT
ALONE.

AND
YET...I
WILL NOT
BE EXTIN-
GUISHED.



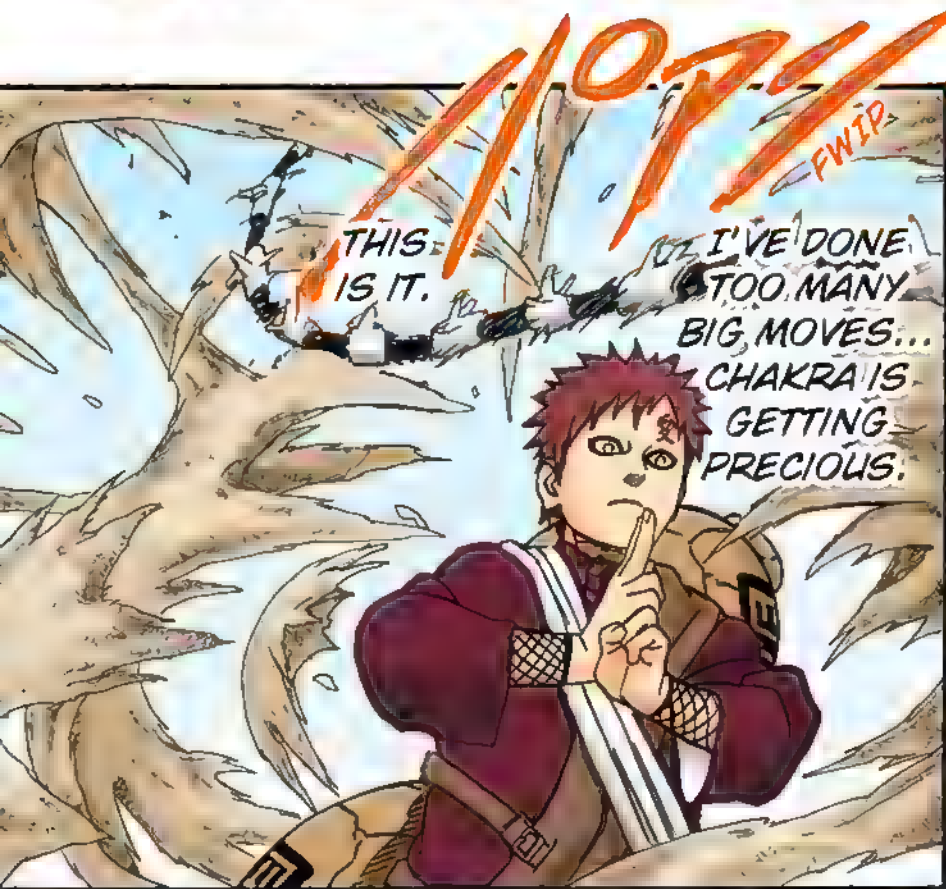
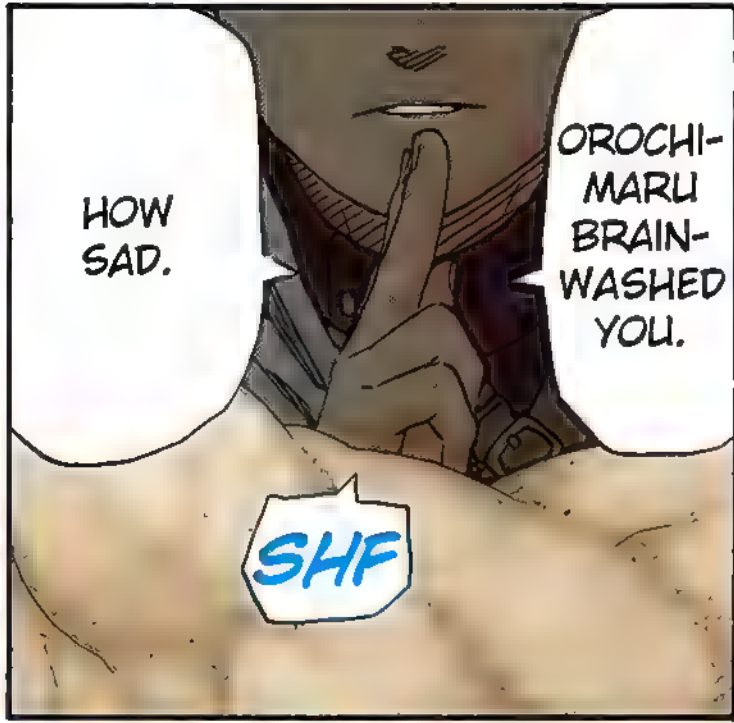
THAT
MEANS
TODAY
THE CLAN
PERISHES.

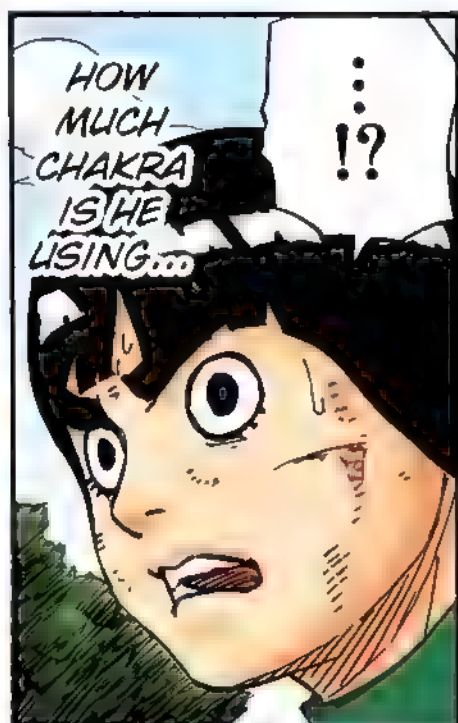
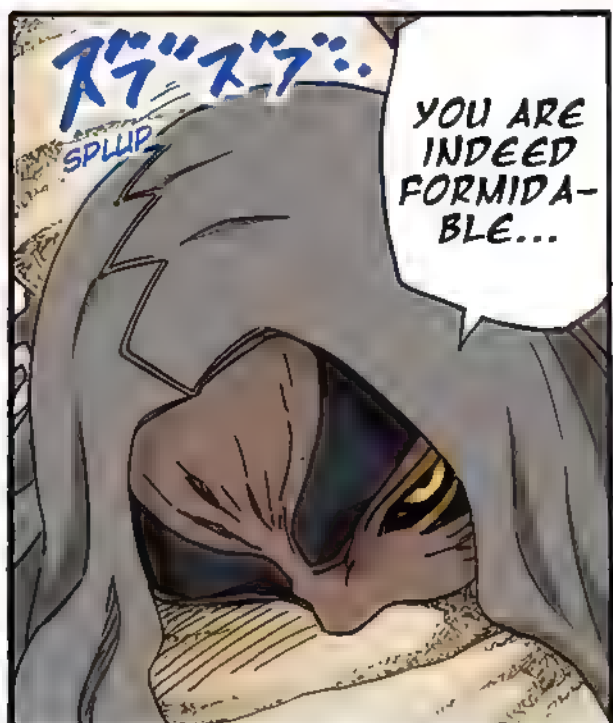
SO
YOU'RE
THE LAST
OF THE
KAGUYA...

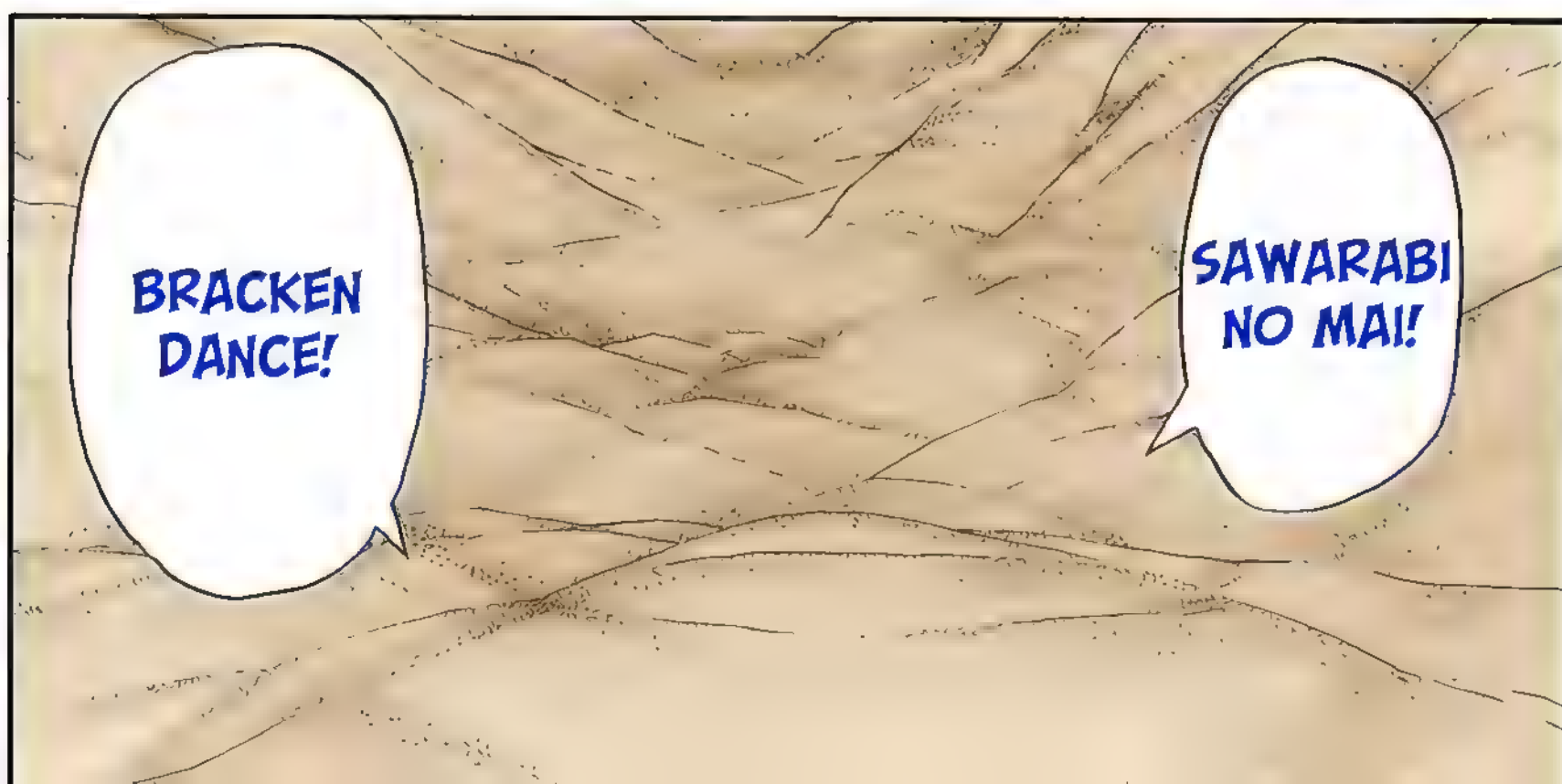
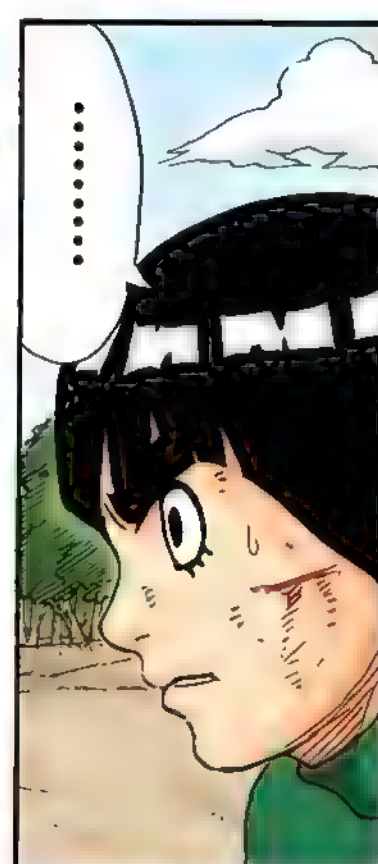
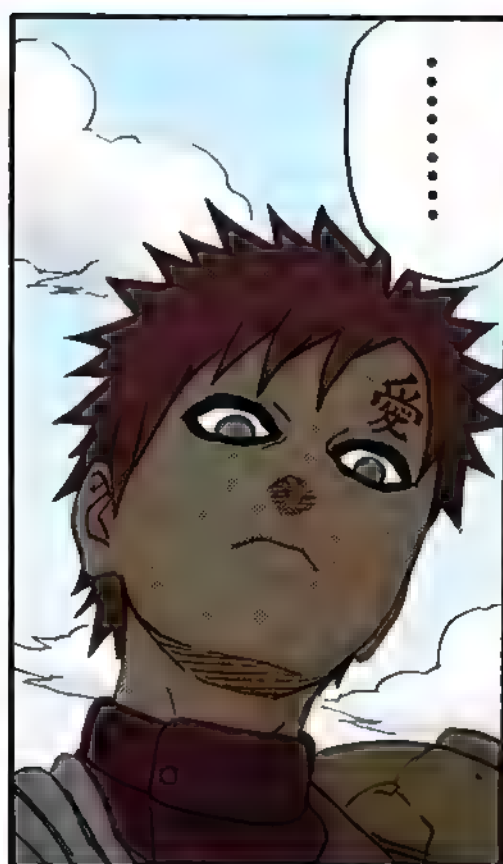
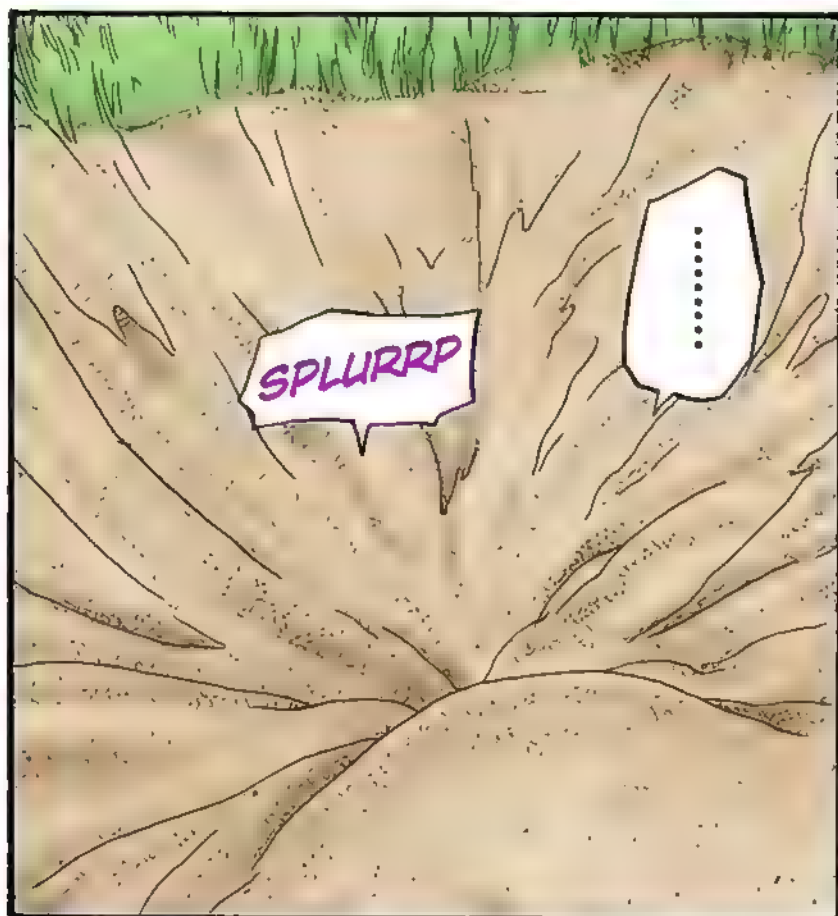


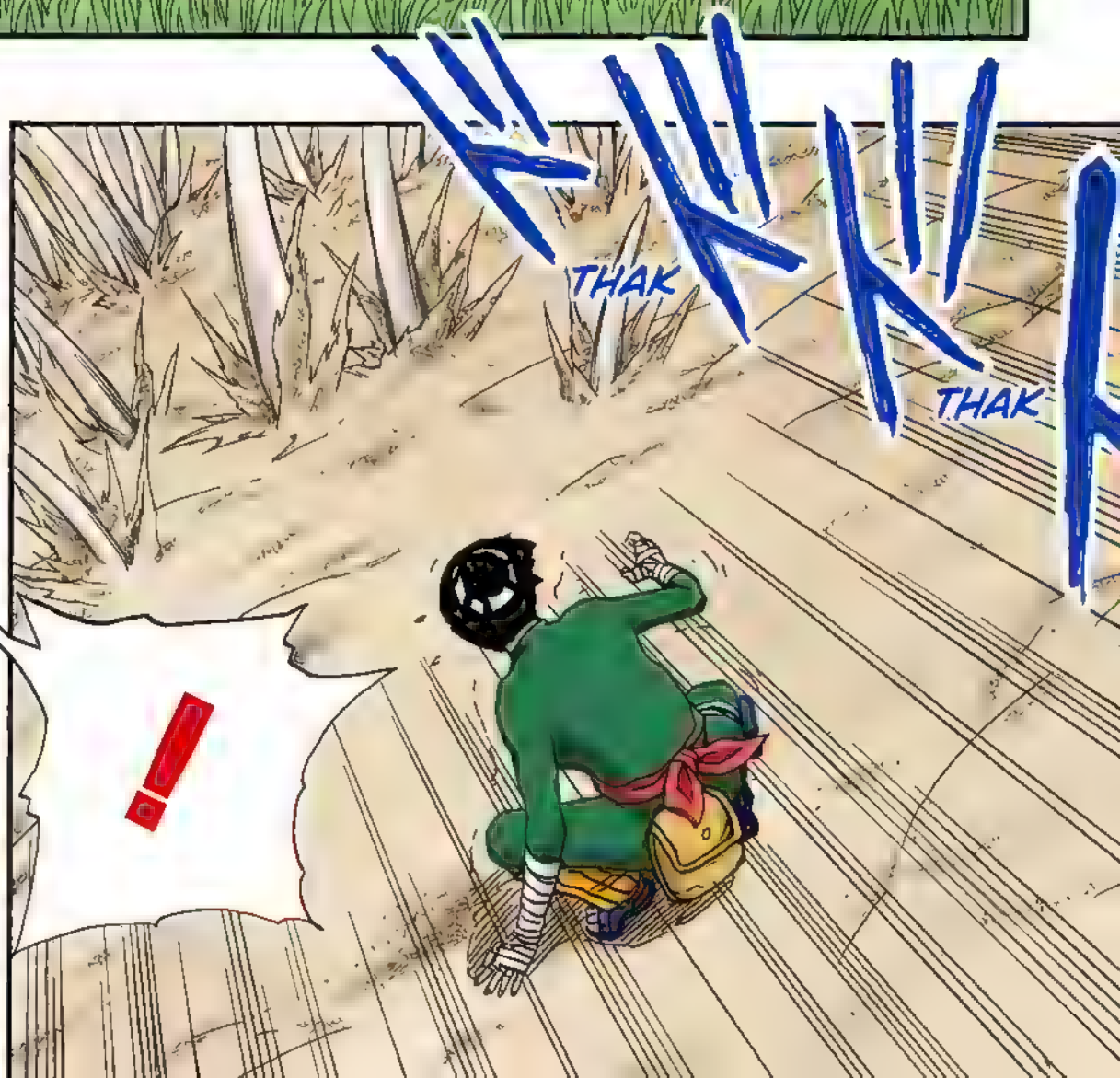
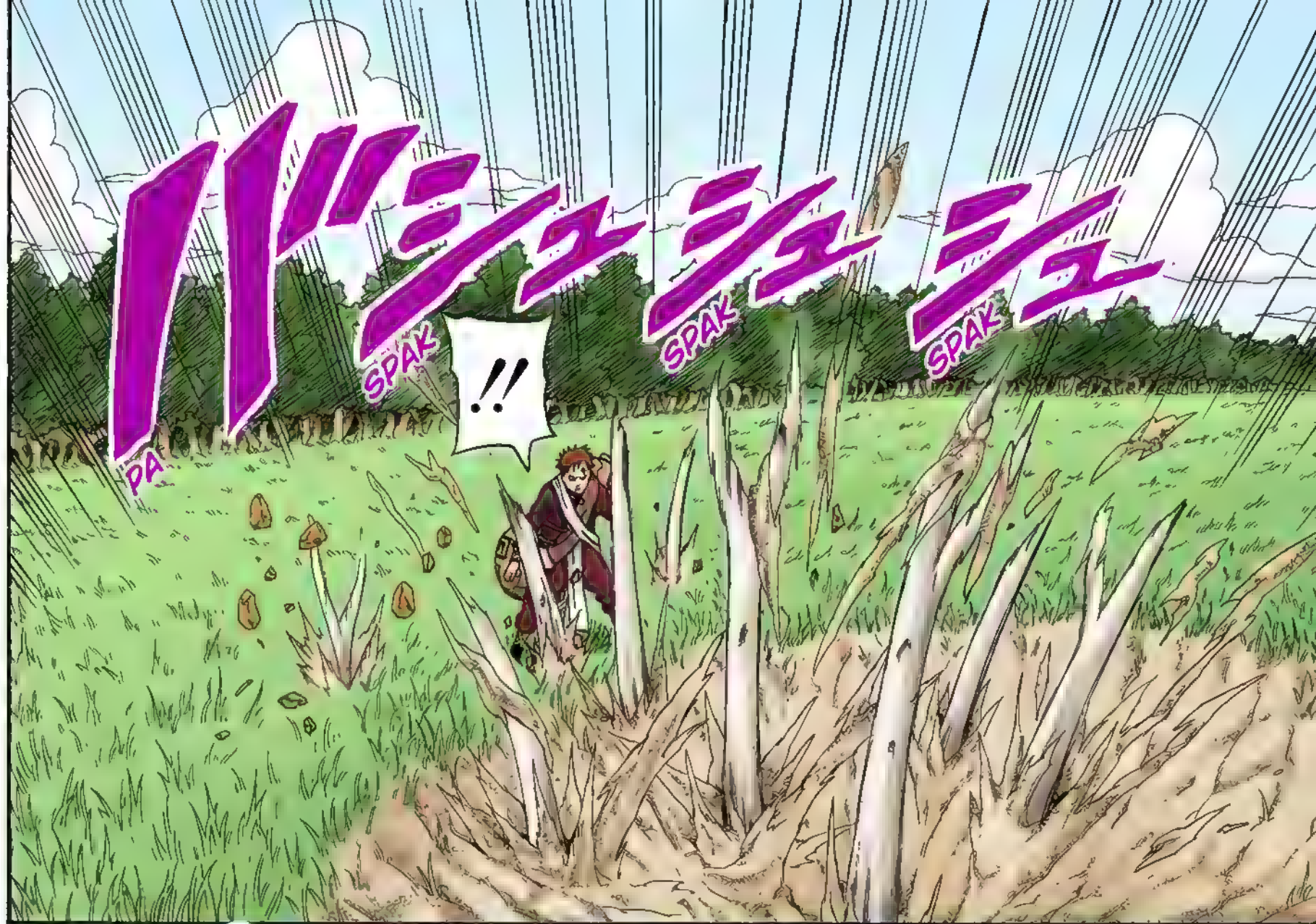
FOR THAT,
I SHALL
REMAIN
FOREVER IN
HIS HEART.

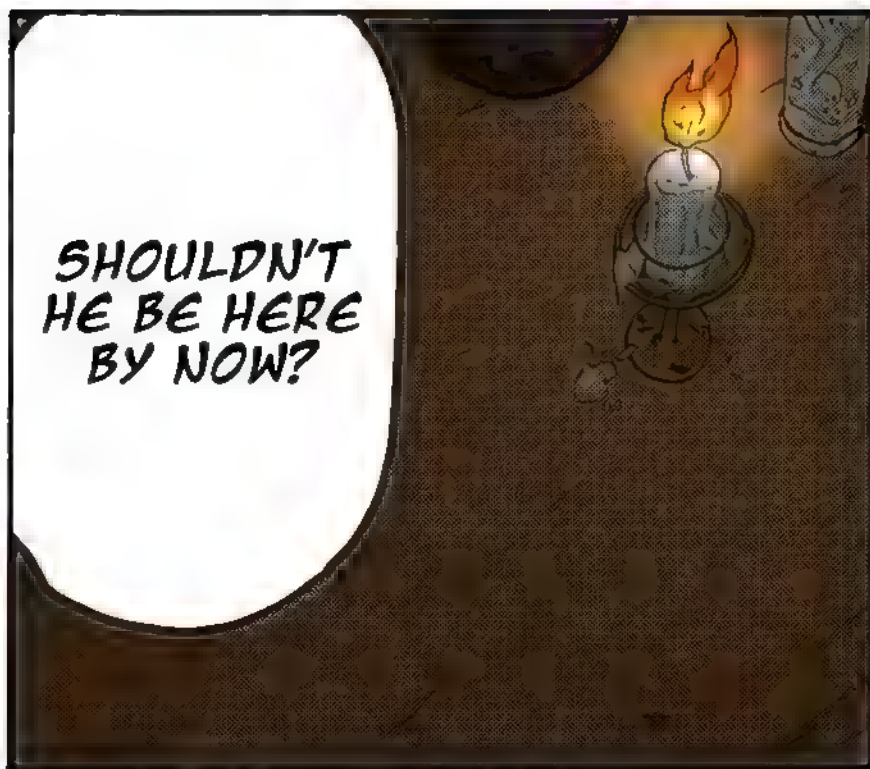
I AM AN ARM
OF LORD
OROCHIMARU'S
AMBITION.
I CARRIED OUT
MY PART.

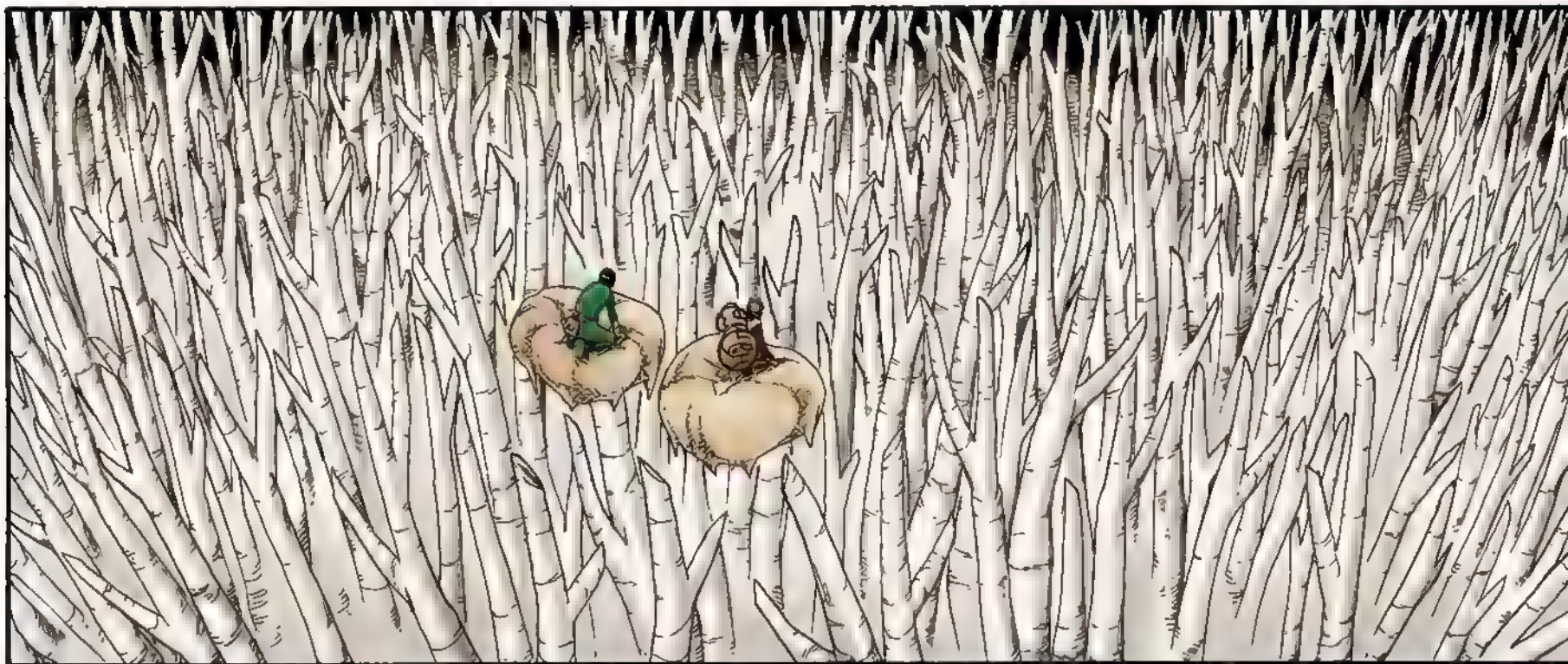


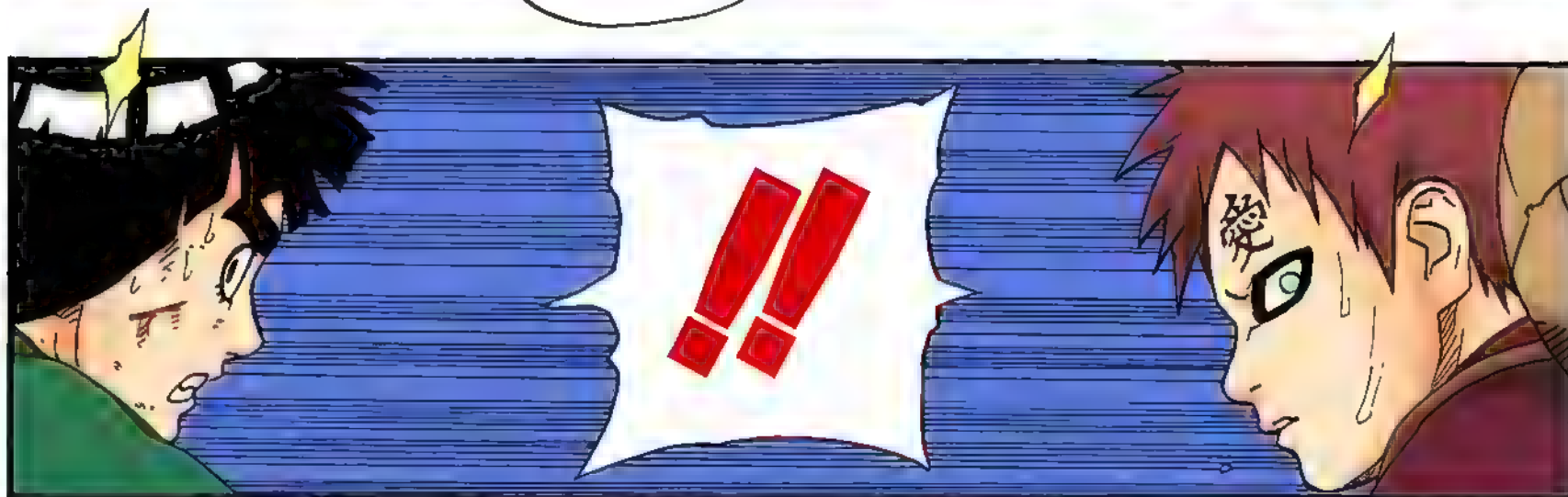
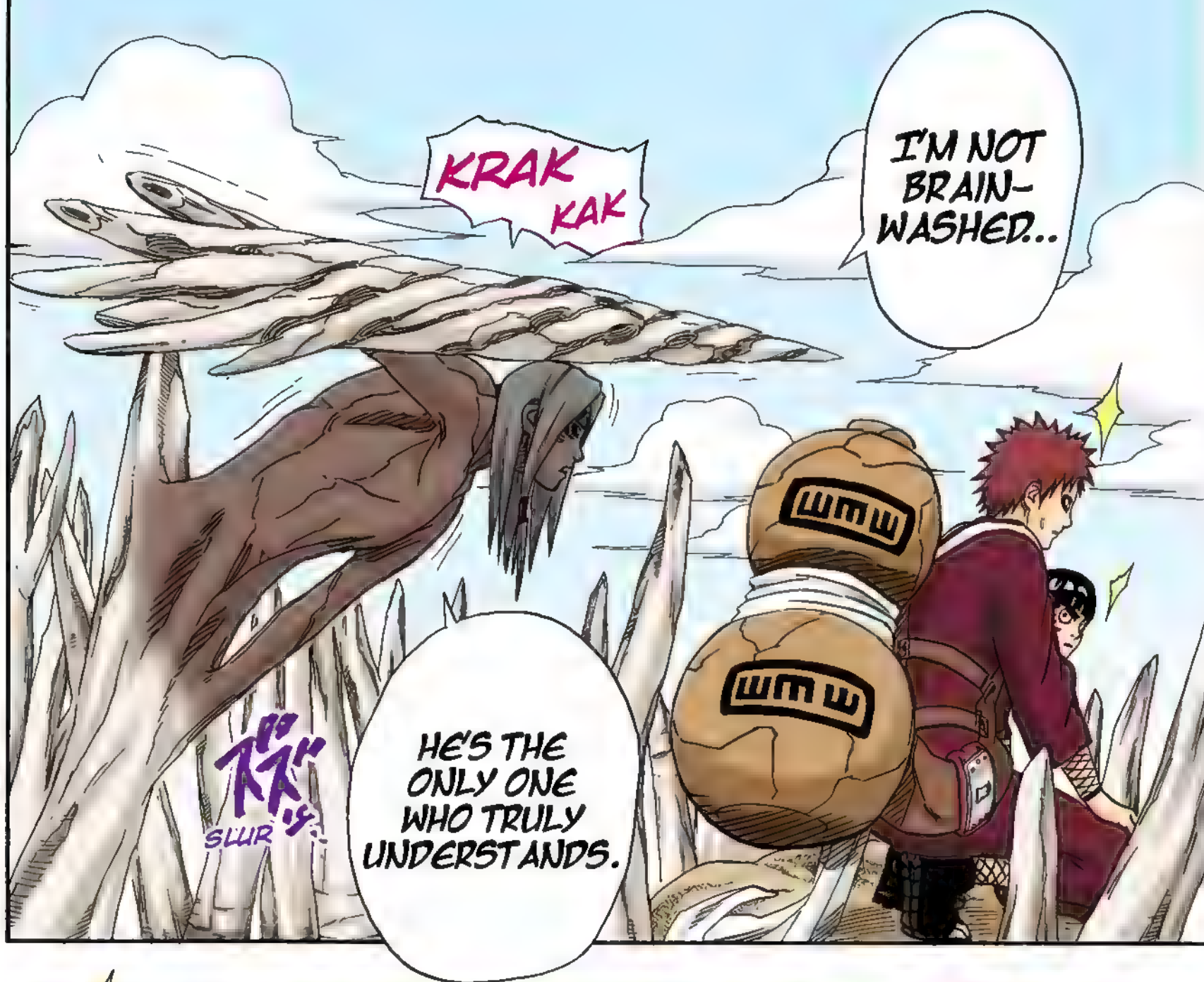


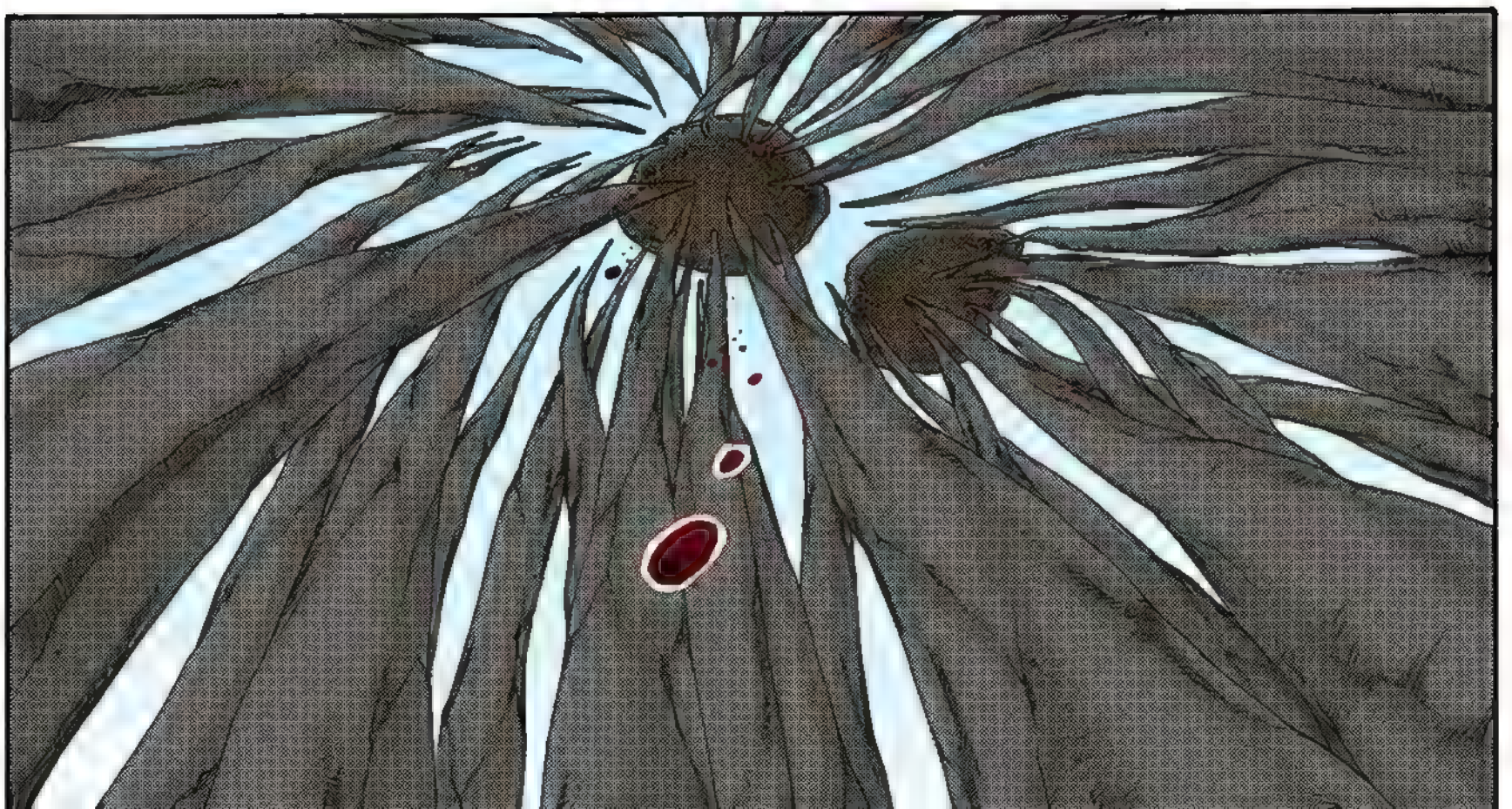
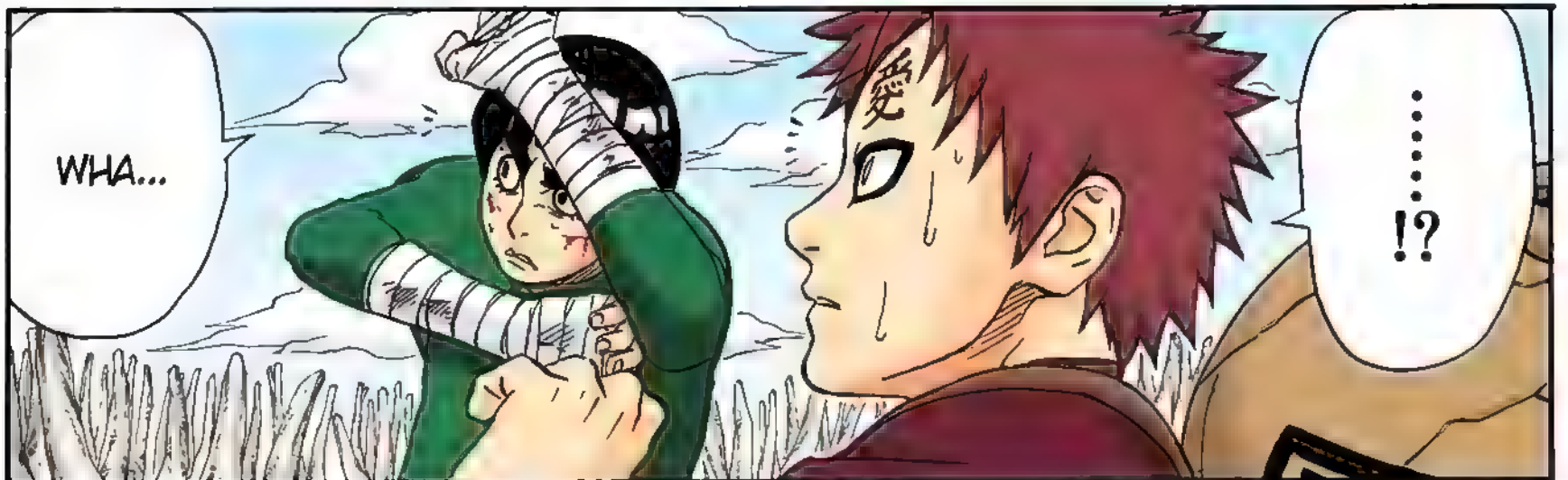
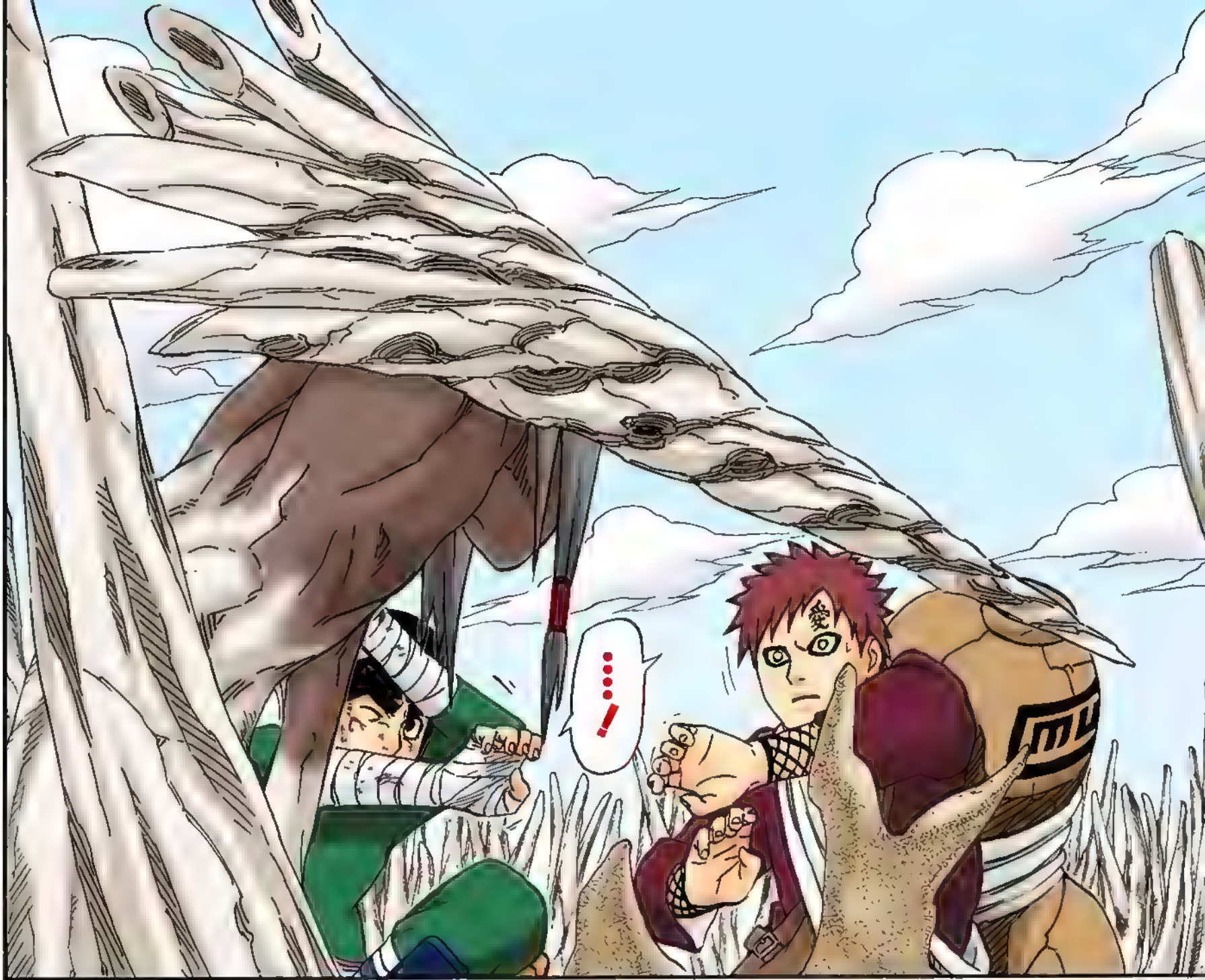


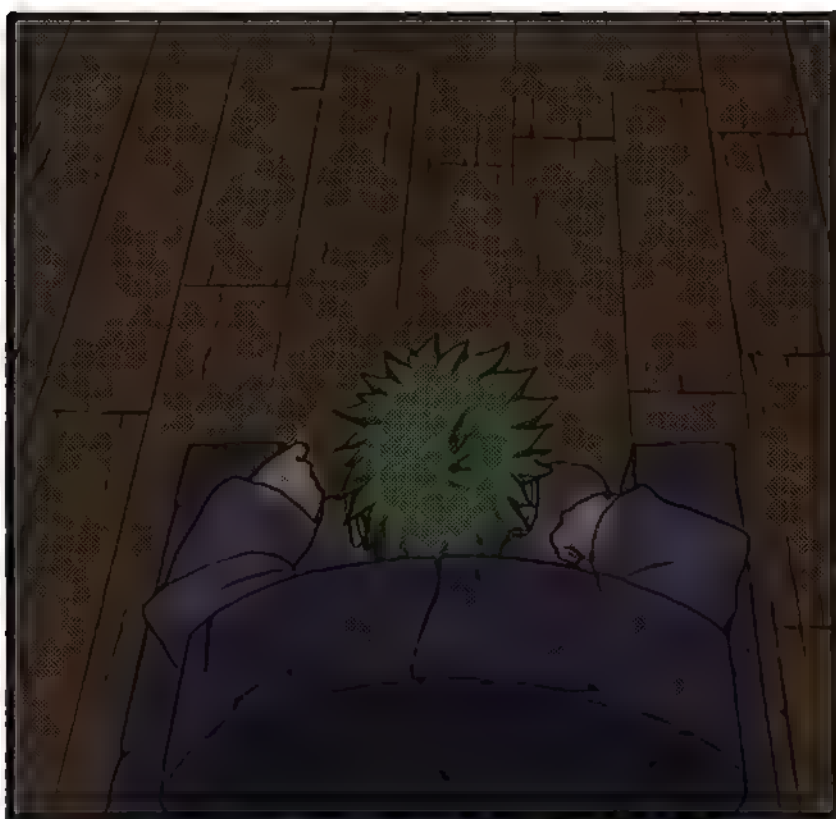








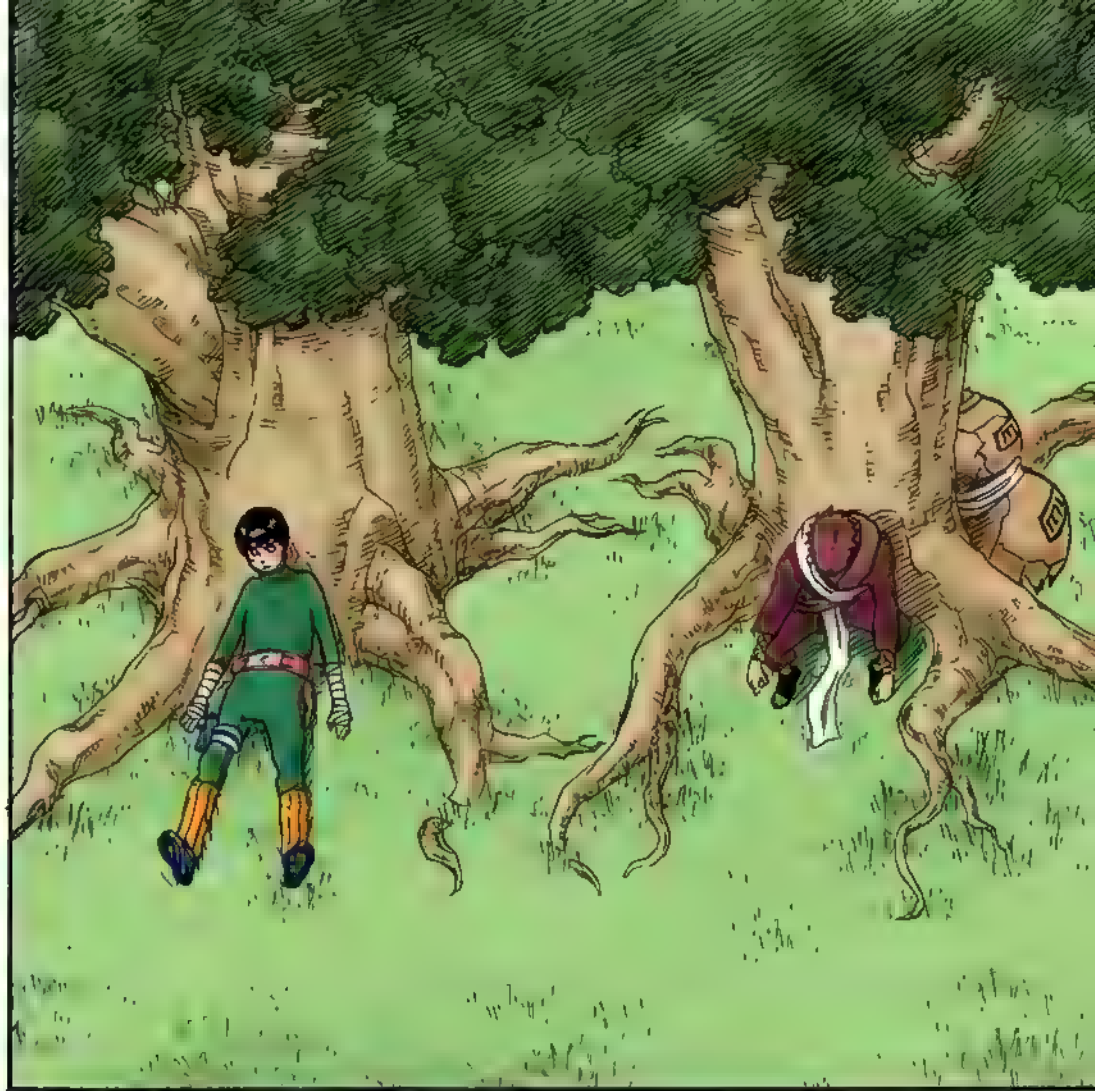






THAT'S
NOT
TRUE.

HE
HAD
ME...



HE JUST
KNEW I
WASN'T
STRONG
ENOUGH
WAS ALL!

HE
WASN'T
MEDDLING!

DON'T TALK
ABOUT MY
MASTER
THAT WAY!!



...A BIG
PART OF
SKILL IS
LUCK.

MY
MASTER
ALWAYS
USED TO
SAY...

YOU
MEAN
THAT
MEDDLE-
SOME
TRAINER?

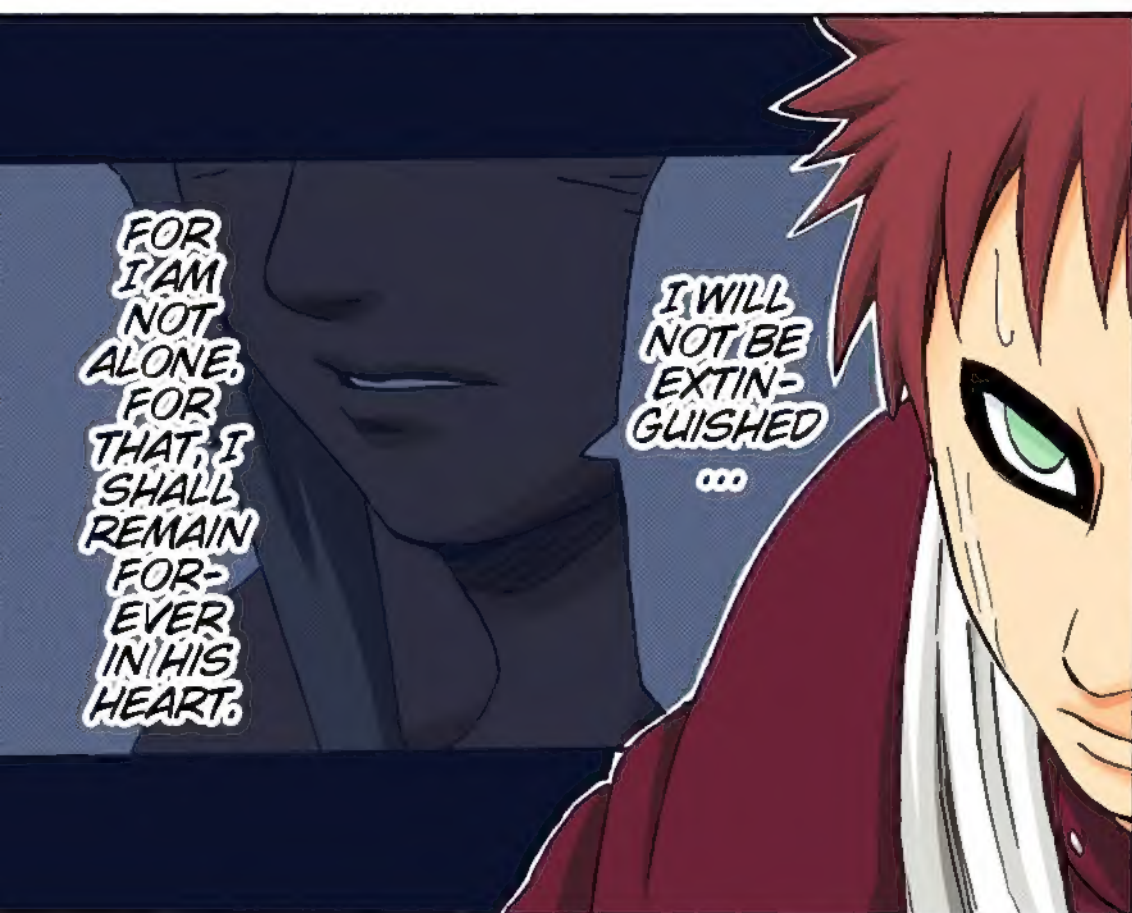


THE MORE
PRECIOUS
YOUR IDOL IS
TO YOU...

WHEN YOU
FEEL THE
HONOR OF
YOUR IDOL
UNDER
SCRUTINY...

YOU BECOME
ENRAGED...
AS IF IT WERE
YOUR OWN
HONOR BEING
QUESTIONED.

YOU'RE
THE
SAME,
THEN.

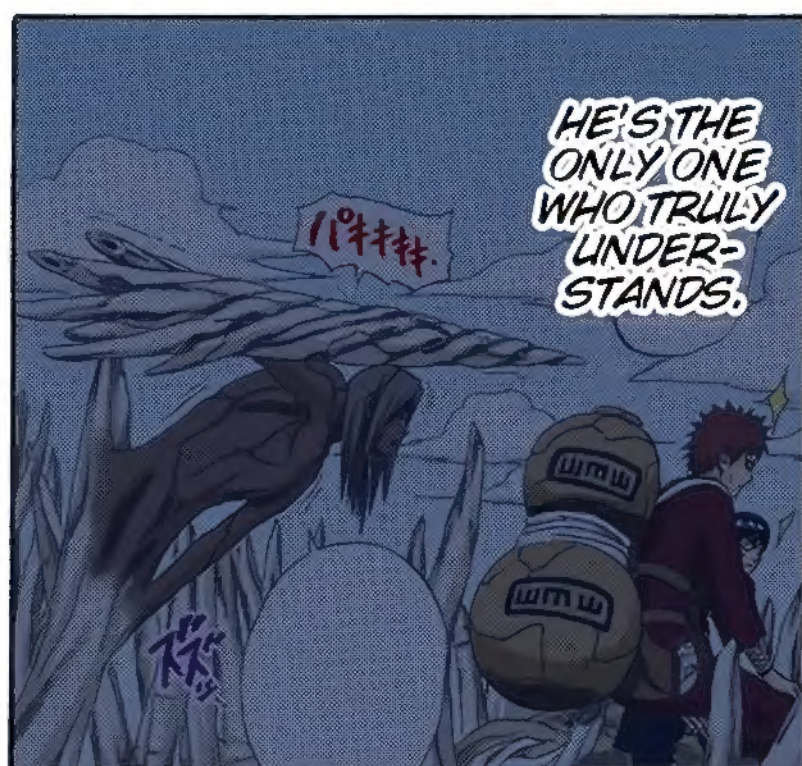


FOR I AM NOT ALONE. FOR THAT, I SHALL REMAIN FOREVER IN HIS HEART.

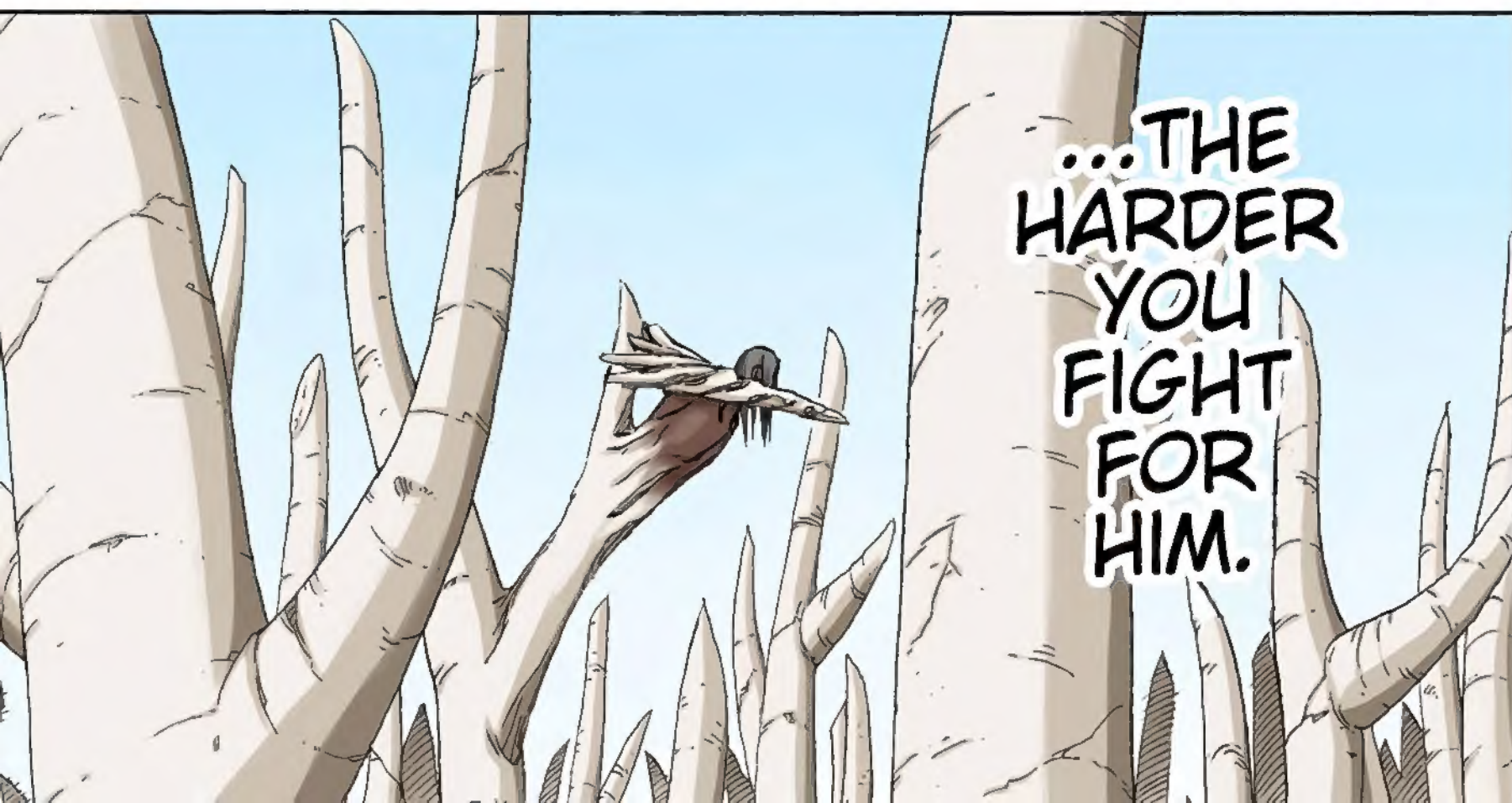
I WILL NOT BE EXTINGUISHED ...



YOU KNOW NOTHING!!



HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO TRULY UNDERSTANDS.

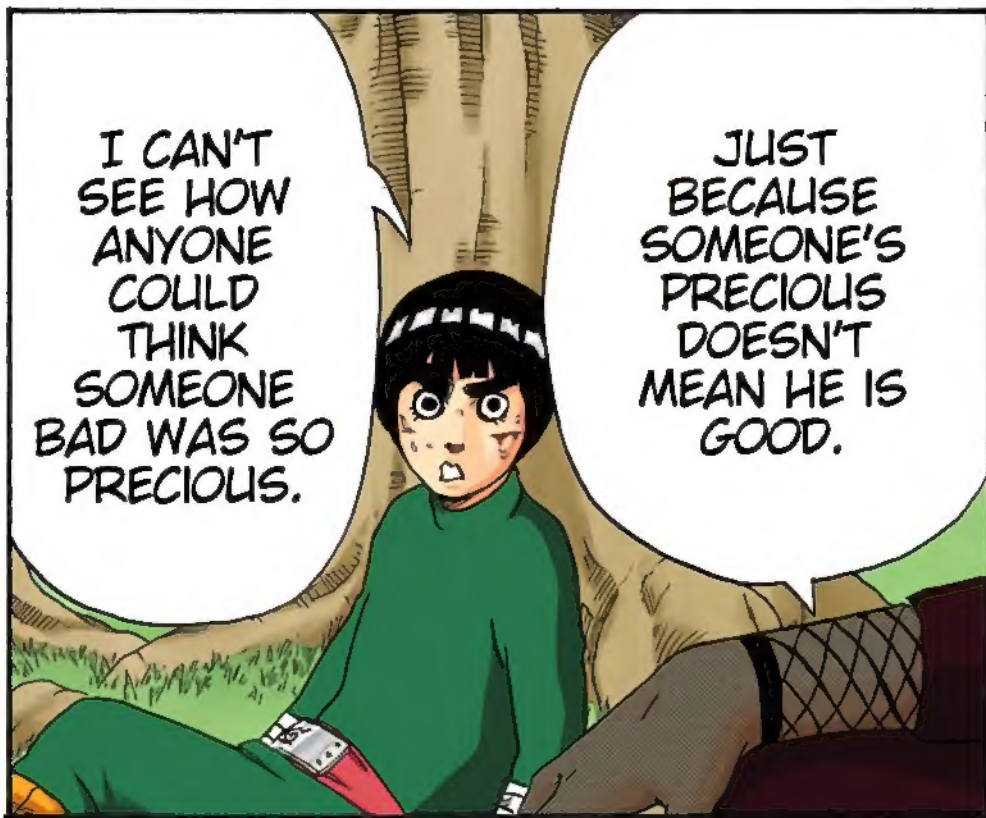


...THE HARDER YOU FIGHT FOR HIM.



...REMINDS
ME OF
UZUMAKI
NARUTO.

HE
ALSO...



I CAN'T
SEE HOW
ANYONE
COULD
THINK
SOMEONE
BAD WAS SO
PRECIOUS.

JUST
BECAUSE
SOMEONE'S
PRECIOUS
DOESN'T
MEAN HE IS
GOOD.



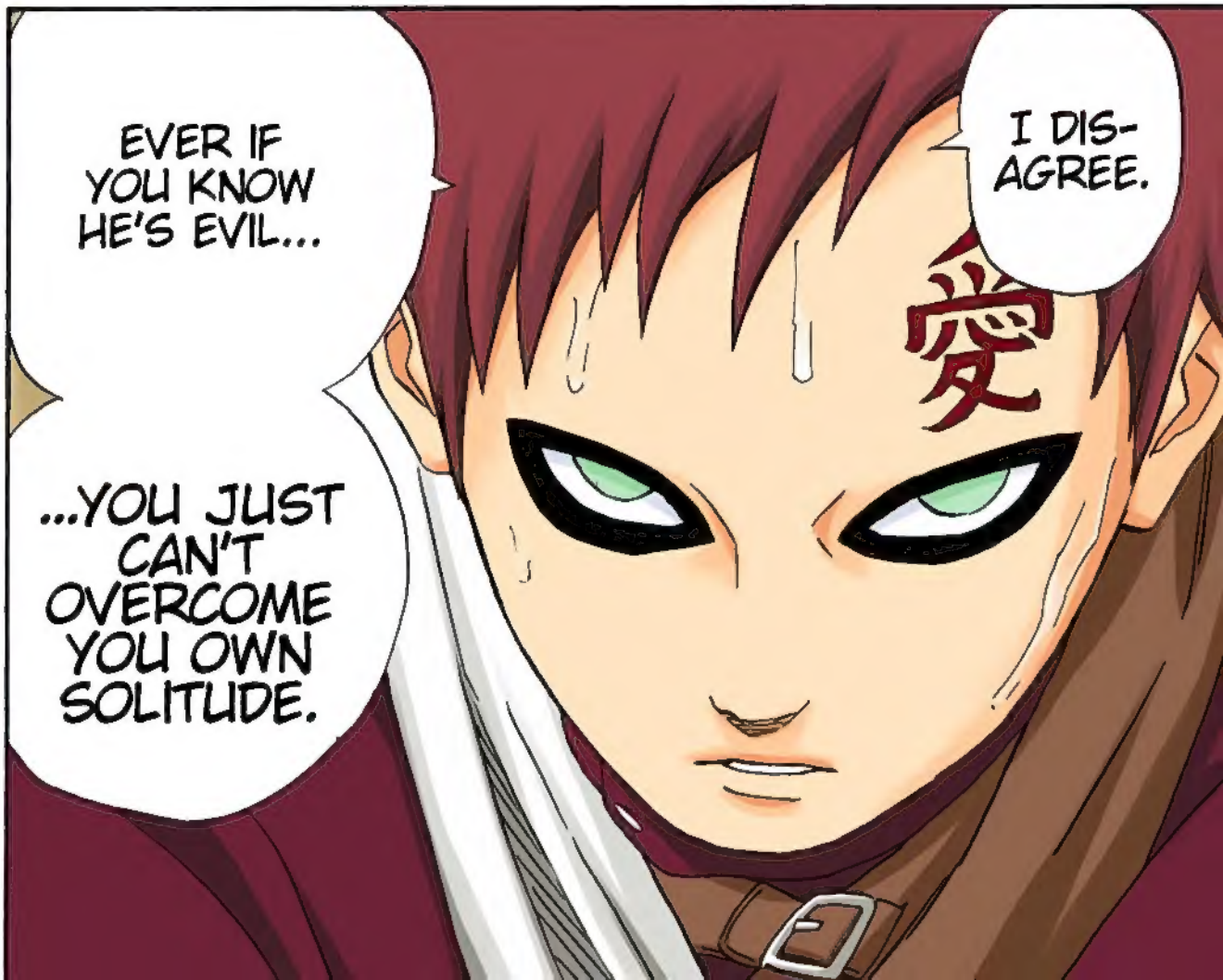
STILL...



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EVER IF
YOU KNOW
HE'S EVIL...

...YOU JUST
CAN'T
OVERCOME
YOU OWN
SOLITUDE.

I DIS-
AGREE.

